Office of STONE & WELLINGTON

800 Acres **FONTHILL NURSERIES** 800 Acres

LARGEST IN CANADA

THE following article, taken from The Canadian Horticulturist, the authorized magazine of the fruit growers of Ontario, and written by their editor, who visited our nurseries, speaks for itself and must commend itself to intending purchasers of nursery stock.

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STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

NURSERIES WHICH ARE A CREDIT TO CANADA

NOT only fruit growers and florists, but Canadians the country over, may well be proud of the nurseries of Morris & Wellington, of Fonthill. Our great financiers and railways magnates are lauded as men of out-standing ability. Equally as great ability, if in another line, must be required to conduct an enterprise of the magnitude of these nurseries.

While the headquarters of the Morris & Wellington nurseries are at Fonthill, some 12 miles from St. Catharines, in the Niagara district, its operations extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and invade Europe as well. The business conducted by this firm amounts to hundreds of thousands, while its agents are to be found in all the leading towns and cities of the Dominion. Every year large orders are sent to Europe, more particularly for ornamental shrubs and plants. So extensive are the operations, it has been found necessary to establish a special office in Toronto, through which the greater portion of the business is conducted under the name of Stone & Wellington.

A few facts about these nurseries may assist in giving some idea of the scope of its operations. Entire charge of the management of the nurseries is vested in Mr. E. Morris, the senior partner, the business end being conducted by Mr. Wellington. At the time of a visit to the nurseries during the summer by an editorial representative of The Horticulturist, Mr. Morris was found to be a very busy man. This will hardly be wondered at when it is stated Mr. Morris is responsible for the successful growing of the thousands of different varieties of nursery stock, ornamental shrubs, trees and flowers handled by the firm, on its nine farms. These farms are all located within a few miles of Fonthill, and contain over 800 acres, of which 600 acres are owned by Messrs. Morris & Wellington, and the remainder rented for a term of years.

The Finest Hydrangea Bush on the Continent.

A portion of the lawn on the Fonthill Nurseries, including one of the offices, may here be seen. The Hydrangea Paniculata Grandiflora bush in the centre of the picture has for 12 years been recognized to be the finest on the continent. It is 18 feet in diameter and 10 feet high. The firm sells thousands of these bushes every year. They are sometimes planted as flower beds and cut yearly, although many prefer them growing as bushes, which is their natural growth. A birch cut leaf tree may be seen in the background.

The annual plantings are enormous. They include some 400,000 young apple trees, 50,000 to 100,000 plum seedlings, 75,000 rose plants, 15,000 elm trees, and other varieties in proportion. At the time

the representative of The Horticulturist visited the nurseries, some 1,500,000 young apple trees, one to four years old, were being grown on the various farms, to say nothing of peach, pears, plum, cherry and other seedlings. When it is realized that, in addition to this nursery stock, thousands of trees, shrubs, and flowers, of hundreds of varieties, are grown, some idea of the extent of the business may be gained. Long ago Mr. Morris realized that it would be impossible for him to personally look after the details of the growing of all this stock. Capable foremen were, therefore, selected and placed in charge of the various branches of the work. A number of these foremen, as well as their assistants, have been with the Fonthill Nurseries for years, and have bought homes of their own in the vicinity of the different nurseries. During the summer, which is the slack season, some 75 men are constantly employed, which number is increased in the fall and spring to 200. Twice this number could be utilized at these seasons, were they available. Of course these men do not include the office staff or the hundreds of agents scattered throughout the Dominion.

To facilitate the proper management of the various farms, Mr. Morris, a number of years ago, connected them all by a private telephone system of his own. This was operated so successfully it was not long before other fruit growers and farmers in the locality wished to join the circuit. The outcome was that the Bell Telephone Company, which at first had rather opposed the move, stepped in and assumed control, with the result that upwards of 100 residents of the section are now enjoying the benefits of farm telephones. The yearly charge for these telephones is $15. Thus, we see, the farm telephone system has already made a welcome invasion of Canada. By means of the telephone Mr. Morris finds it possible to keep in close touch with his foremen and the work on the different farms.

The growing of the different line of stock is greatly complicated by the special care which has to be given each. Soil adapted for one line of nursery trees or flowers may be entirely unsuited for others. For this reason the nine farms operated by Messrs. Morris & Wellington have each been chosen for their particular characteristics. On some, which are open and exposed, the hardy varieties are grown, while the tender species are produced in the nurseries that are more protected. Most of the farms contain several different soils. Each of these soils are in turn used for the production of the varieties of fruits and flowers for which they are best adapted. Long, and in some cases costly experience, has made clear to Mr. Morris the possibilities of these soils, and customers of the firm reap the benefit by receiving goods that have made a rapid and natural growth.

"We have found it necessary," said

A Beauty Spot at the Fonthill Nurseries

The illustration gives a small view of a block of two year hydrangea paniculata grandiflora growing in the Fonthill Nurseries. This is one of the most useful plants grown, as it can be raised either as a plant or bush. The flowers are splendid for decorative purposes. When grown as plants the blossoms are larger and finer than when the hydrangea is allowed to grow as a bush.

Mr. Morris, while speaking to The Horticulturist, in this connection, "to give the land, on which our stock is grown, frequent rests. Every year the crops raised are changed from one portion of the nurseries to another, and every fifth year the farms are changed. In this way frequent changes of soil are secured. As a rapid healthy growth is necessary, the land must be kept rich, which means a heavy expense for fertilizers. From Toronto alone we purchase $5,000 to $7,000 worth of fertilizers yearly. As we do not calculate to grow culls 40 to 50 tons of fertilizers are used per acre. This results in a rapid growth and thrifty stock."

"The demand for new and rare plants is increasing rapidly. Most of it has sprung up within the last ten years, more particularly the last few years, until now it has become one of the most important branches of our business. I remember when we only planted 500 elms. This increased to 1,000, a few years later to 3,000, and last year we planted 15,000. It is no uncommon occurrence for us to receive an order for $500 of ornamental stock from one man."

"This year we found it necessary, in order to fill the demand for rare shrubs, to make a special importation from Holland. Most of our seedlings are purchased from France, which in this line supplies the world. The stock is brought over in winter and arrives in good condition, via New York, being transported in frost-proof cars. Our last importation included 100 different varieties of evergreens alone."

"When we purchase or lease a farm, for growing nursery stock, it is generally necessary to underdrain it extensively. Several hundred acres of our farms have been underdrained. Even when we only lease a farm for few years we find it pays to tile it. On one occasion we leased a farm of 100 acres, and did not think it necessary to underdrain it. We lost enough through not doing so to have more than paid the expense of putting in the tiles, and I never intend to take the same chances again. In this connection it is rather astonishing to me to see how little the value of underdraining is appreciated by some men. One farm leased by me was thoroughly underdrained, and when the lease expired the owner was given the benefit of these underdrains. He did not think enough of it to even keep the drains open."

The description of how these immense nurseries came to be established, as given by Mr. Morris, is a most interesting one. "Over 30 years ago," said Mr. Morris, "I made my first start in this vicinity in the nursery business with 13 acres of ground. Previous to this I had been in business, but my health being poor I decided to start farming in this locality, where my wife had some relatives. The first year I planted an acre each of strawberries and

Cultivating Young Peach Trees at the Nurseries

The careful cultivation that is given the Fonthill Nurseries, is one of the secrets of the success of this firm. The illustration shows a block of one year old peaches, being cultivated, no less than eleven men with cultivators being shown at work in this small block. Great pride is taken by Mr. Morris in his pure bred horses, as he has four pure bred Shire stallions and over sixty horses altogether. Some of these fine animals can be seen in the illustration.

raspberries. Some of my neighbors, who came around at that time, decided I must be nearly crazy, as they were satisfied that I would never be able to sell even a small portion of the crop. They even expressed pity for my ignorance.

"The following year, before I had received any returns from my first year's crop, to their amazement I increased my plantings to seven or eight acres. My sales from my first picking amounted to $1,300, most of the fruit being sold right on the place. For most of it I received 15 cents per quart for all the small fruit. This price caused quite a sensation, and people immediately wanted to buy plants. It was in this way that I started in the nursery business.

"In the course of a year or two the business increased and I took in Squire Hill's and the firm became known as E. Morris & Co., and continued in this way for several years. In later years Messrs. Stone & Wellington joined in with me. Finally the plantings were increased to 100 acres, including 50 of nursery stock. The firm has been known under the name of Morris, Stone & Wellington during the past 25 years, but during the past two years, since the death of Mr. Stone, his name has been dropped from the firm."

The home farm at Fonthill is devoted principally to ornamental trees, shrubs and small fruits. Some of the fancy trees and shrubs grown are the Eagle Maple from Europe, choice varieties of Weeping Beech, Purple Beech, Fern Leaf Beech, Schwelderii Maple, Rittenbachi Maple, Variegated Maple, Russian Maple, Weeping Norway Cypress, Maiden Hair tree and many others.

During the past few years Canada has rapidly forged to the front as a producer of many varieties of fruits and flowers. Much of the success of Canada's growers has been due to the active co-operation and assistance of such well-known and reliable nursery firms as that of Messrs. Morris & Wellington, whose aim has been and is to please and satisfy their customers. The firm's large business has been built up as the result of hard work and careful management. More than once thousands of dollars' worth of tender stock has been destroyed by hail storms, extremes of heat, and cold weather, etc. In spite of this the management has kept right on. Such reverses have in the end only increased the firm's usefulness by the valuable lessons they have taught. With its immense business, established reputation and years of experience the firm of Messrs. Morris & Wellington will undoubtedly play an important part in the further development of Canada's horticultural interests.

Shipping Nursery Stock at the Fonthill Nurseries

One of the busiest periods at the Fonthill Nurseries, Fonthill, is when nursery stock is being boxed, preparatory to shipment. This work is done on a large space of land near the office of the main nursery at Fonthill. Surrounding this is a large grove of pine trees, which affords close protection to the men while at work. Some idea of the large number of men employed by this firm will be gained by the illustration.

What the Toronto Globe says about our Nurseries

A GLANCE AT THE FRUIT SECTION OF ONTARIO. A LAND OF WEALTH AND BEAUTY.

A GREAT CANADIAN INDUSTRY:

The largest of its kind in Canada and second to none on the Continent.

Early last June the *Toronto Globe* sent a representative to the Niagara District to write up the beauties of that section. The large Fonthill Nurseries came under his notice, naturally, and we give herewith a few extracts from the article referred to, which will be of service to any who may desire to know more about our extensive nurseries.

A few years since we were, to some considerable extent, dependent on our neighbors for many things which we now produce. And it is fortunate for Canada that fruit culture is not to be retarded by the present position of affairs. (Referring to the shutting out of United States grown stock.) Not only are we able to meet the changed conditions in supplying all that may be needed, but, best of all, to show a clean bill of health. On this latter point no clearer evidence could possibly be furnished than is given in the official certificate published in this connection. (Meaning the certificate given us by the Government Inspector stating that our stock is free from San José scale.)

Mr. W. E. Wellington, whose well-known figure is so familiar to Torontonians, was an Oshawa boy (as was Mr. Morris.) All his business career has been in the line of handling financial interests and supervising men, and no man has earned a higher reputation for up-and-up square dealing than the head of the firm of Stone & Wellington, who has lately been elected for the third time in succession President of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association. This is no mere compliment, but is here placed on record as an important factor in inspiring confidence in the minds of many employees of the firm who have not come in personal contact with Mr. Wellington.

The entrance to the home nursery is like the portals of fairyland. Here are beautifully-cared-for hedges of various kinds and flowers of exquisite beauty and fragrance.

While speaking of the flowers, mention may well be made of the 60 or more distinct varieties of lilacs. These are of every shade and hue, and many are double in their bloom. These vary so greatly in character that the season for lilac bouquets can be prolonged for six weeks by judicious selection. All are so hardy that one jocular attendant said:—"They could be planted at the North Pole if sufficient soil could be found there."

Mere figures, after all, convey only a faint and indefinite impression on the mind, but the following list, copied from the last stock-book of the concern, cannot be omitted. If some of these figures are analyzed and divided, they will appear more impressive. For instance, there are 862,007 apple trees, and these are sufficient to plant over seventeen thousand acres of orchard. Of pears, plums, peaches, etc., the number is correspondingly great, but the intelligent reader will see at a glance that we are dealing with a subject and an enterprise of which every Canadian may well be proud.

Apples	862,007
Pears	139,450
Cherries	82,161
Plums	272,656
Peaches	78,164
Quinces	5,427
Currants	215,420
Gooseberries	116,100
Raspberries	229,479
Blackberries	79,209
Grapes	93,888
Ornamentals	97,197
Shrubs	32,829
Hedge plants	200,000
Evergreens	67,091
Roses	68,769
Paeonies	4,000
*Ampelopsis	10,198
*Roses, tea	4,000
*Plants	130,000

*Grown in greenhouses.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington had no view at the Toronto Industrial three hundred different kinds of apples. And that they have six hundred varieties fruited in their testing orchards almost passes credence. As a contrast, it may be noted that one of the largest concerns in New York State had one hundred and sixty different specimens at their State fair, and the matter was exploited in the American journals as being unprecedented.

One prolific source of trouble in buying fruit trees from irresponsible dealers is the uncertainty that the fruit will prove true to name. How many "curses, loud and deep" have been uttered by lips not ordinarily profane, need not be emphasized. To watch a tree for years, pruning and nursing it like an infant, and then find it bearing worthless apples, pears or cherries, is indeed exasperating. The remedy is simple. See to it that the agent is accredited by a firm whose reputation is as dear to them as your own character is to yourself, and there need be no fear of disappointment. And in seeking employment the same care is indespensable. Many a retired minister or teacher who is now searching for something honorable and useful to do, hesitates to apply to those who could solve his problems, because he fears the ultimate result of the fruiting test. If such a doubter could spend a few hours in the Fonthill nurseries he would see every row of trees carefully named, and in packing the same caution is exercised. Then, again, some jobber advertises for agents, offering conditions so alluring that they carry the stamp of insincerity, if not actual fraud, on the face of them. A word to the wise ought to be sufficient. Examine carefully the bona fides of the firm to whom you engage, and fruit selling will afford you as honorable and pleasant employment as can be found in any sphere of business activity.

Everybody knows that nursery stock is shipped in great, oblong boxes. Perhaps an index can be given of the volume of trade done by this one firm, when it is found that 200,000 feet of lumber was used in packing this spring's shipment.

The construction of the T. H. & B. railway has given greatly increased shipping facilities. Heretofore, everything had to be teamed several miles, but now a switch three miles in length has been built, and this fact alone is suggestive of the recognized importance of the nurseries as a freight feeder. This does not mean that the station is adjacent only, but that the trains run right into the block of trees, and boxes can be loaded right where packed.

Large as the present interests are, steps are being taken to enlarge their borders. That it requires from two to three years to grow stocks of trees and shrubs for market necessitates a look ahead, and the certainty of an increased demand ensures the adoption of means whereby it may be amply met. There is no fear of a famine in nursery stock, as long as Stone & Wellington have charge of the commissariat.

Residents of Manitoba and the Northwest, and parts of Quebec, are learning one important lesson, and that is that nursery stock must be grown in good soil and temperate climate to ensure a healthy tree. As well expose a babe to frost and storm in order to secure strong manhood as submit a young plant to extremes of frost and not expect "black heart" to develop very soon.

Surely enough has been said to convince every reader that Messrs. Stone & Wellington enjoy a gilt-edge reputation as experienced and honorable growers of nursery stock, and when this claim is backed up by a successful and fair-dealing record of many years, the utmost confidence must be inspired.

WHAT SOME OF OUR PATRONS SAY

We have thousands more like these.

Berlin, Ont., April 2nd.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I have been buying Nursery Stock for about nineteen years, during which period I purchased a number of times from your company, and of every other nursery company doing business in this part that I remember of, except one, and the result is that (to-day) when I look around my orchard, I have nothing that is giving me real satisfaction all through except what I got from your company.

(Signed) CHRISTIAN EBY.

"Your trees are well rooted."

Orillia, Ont., June 5th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—What I saw of your stock this Spring was good; all well rooted. I bought some trees from ..... this Spring, but they lacked the fibrous roots.

P. C. SULLIVAN.

"I know the high grade of your stock."

Manitou, Man., June 1st.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I know the high grade of your stock. I bought Red and White Currants from you some years ago, and have tried several other Nurseries, but never had the complete success that I had with your fruit.

SAMUEL MAGEE.

"Only lost TEN trees out of 750."

Brighton, Ont., April 10th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs,—On looking over my young orchard, I find that ten of the young trees I bought from you are dead. That was not a very bad loss out of 750 trees. Add to new order, ten others to replace those that failed, making sixty in all.

W. C. BUTLER.

"The largest and finest I ever saw."

Norway, Ont., Feb. 7th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I bought some Fitzgerald Peach trees from you about four years ago, as well as other stock. We had fruit from the peach trees last year, the finest I ever saw either in the market or garden in Canada.

WM. H. TILLEY.

"Trees very perfect."

Chevalier, Ont., Oct. 21st.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—The trees were received and delivered in perfect condition. Customers were all satisfied and paid me promptly.

D. L. CHAUVIN.

"Stock was a credit to any firm."

Belwood, Ont., Oct. 21st.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs,—I have delivered stock in this locality for several years, and want to state that the stock delivered for you this Fall was first-class; the packing was in every way all that could be wished for. In fact, both stock and packing was a credit to any firm.

E. H. SMITH.

"196 lbs. of Potatoes from 3 lbs. of Seed."

Revelstoke, B.C., Oct. 20th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—Mr. J. C. Hutchison, of Revelstoke, raised 196 lbs. of Potatoes from 3 lbs. of Seed Potatoes purchased of you last season.

F. H. FRETZ.

"They are well adapted to this part."

Rat Portage, Ont., March 10th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I have grown your Raspberries, black and red Currants and Gooseberries, and am well satisfied with the result; found them hardy and well adapted to this part.

S. C. McGINNIS.

"Trees have given first-class satisfaction."

Petitcodiac, N.B., June 2nd.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I find the trees that I sold in this section have given first-class satisfaction. I will take up the work again.

C. A. BROWN.

"Satisfied while working for you."

Stouffville, Ont., May 9th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs,—It has been a great satisfaction, while working for you, the honorable way you have done business, your willingness to correct anything that may have been wrong, and the confidence you place in me.

S. STOUFFER.

"Your trees stand the best."

Port Perry, Ont., Oct. 20th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs,—I have had four orders filled by you; two by .....; and two by .... I have found your trees stand the best. I want your price on enclosed list of stock.

ISAAC O'NEILL.

"Trees are entirely satisfactory."

Belleville, Ont., Oct. 29th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—Trees are entirely satisfactory, and I enclose check for amount of invoice, $48.75.

R. W. McMULLEN.

"They are as fine a lot of trees as I have ever seen."

Walkerville, Ont., May 7th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs,—I have received the 700 peach trees from your Agent. They are as fine a lot of trees as I have ever seen.

CHAS. L. CHILVER.

"More than satisfied with the quality."

Windsor, Ont., May 3rd.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—Your goods were received some time ago. I am more than satisfied with the quality, and the condition they were in. They could not arrive in better shape.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS.

"Other stock was refused; yours was accepted."

London, May 18th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I am more than pleased with your stock. It was well packed and in first-class order; all clean barked, as well as good and healthy, and has given good satisfaction. In one instance, I know of other stock being refused, and yours accepted by the same person. The deliveryman, Mr. Miller, says that he has never seen or handled anything better, or equal to the stock you sent this Spring.

WM. WEBB.

"It is all I could wish for."

St. Mary's, Ont., Oct. 20th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—The nursery stock I purchased from you through your agen is all that I could wish for. Fine, healthy stock in good condition in every respect.

JOHN E. CARR.

"Stock in first-class shape."

Morden, Man., Oct. 24th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I received your stock in first-class shape.

SAMUEL CHITTICK.

"Am entirely satisfied with the stock."

Campbellford, Ont., Oct. 20th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I received the nursery stock ordered from your firm a few days ago in first-class condition and am entirely satisfied with the stock.

HENRY NEVIN.

"All living and doing well."

Iroquois, Ont., March 19th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I purchased (65) sixty-five trees from your nursery seven years ago and they are all living and doing well, and I am satisfied they are as fine a lot of trees as can be purchased from any nursery in Canada.

(Signed) EDWARD F. GIBBONS.

"They came in good order."

Thorndale, Ont., Oct. 21st.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I am well pleased with the trees and bushes I purchased from you. They came in good order and well packed.

(Signed) JOSEPH BECK.

"What a splendid lot of young trees."

Fairfield East, Ont., Nov. 26th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs,—The stock you sent me is the best advertisement you ever had in this section. I hear many saying as they pass by "what a splendid lot of young trees."

(Signed) WM. C. CLARK.

"Stock first-class."

Picton, Nov. 17th.

Stock first-class in every respect and delivered with best of care.

(Signed) I. T. WAY.

"Always true to name."

Birchton, Que.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs,—Your trees have done very well; always true to name.

(Signed) JAMES KIRBY.

"Have not one dead tree."

Creemore, Ont., Oct. 22nd.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I purchased from you last Spring 100 Standard Apple trees and 6 Pears, and out of the whole lot I have not one dead one, notwithstanding the very dry summer.

(Signed) JAMES DAY.

"Never saw such good stock."

Eureka, N.S., Oct. 31st.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I have much pleasure in forwarding you a clean delivery book. The trees arrived here in splendid condition. A number have said that they never saw such good stock, and the Roses are something immense.

(Signed) CAPT. E. R. GILLMORE.

"Fully as good as represented."

Big Springs, May 8th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—The trees have just been delivered and I consider them first-class stock, and fully as good as represented by your agent.

(Signed) JOHN STILES, JR.

"Will send to you in future."

Boissevain, Man., May 15th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—The stock came in first-class condition. I shall recommend you to my friends and anything am wanting in future will send to you.

(Signed) WM. VENABLES.

"It is all that could be desired."

St. Mary's, Ont., Oct. 18th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs,—The nursery stock I purchased from you is all that could be desired. I am perfectly satisfied in every respect.

(Signed) B. SEALE.

"The finest trees I ever saw."

Cashtown, Ont., Oct. 27th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Sirs,—The trees I received from you this Fall were in good condition. They were the finest trees I have seen for years, every tree was in perfect shape. I would advise anyone purchasing trees to purchase from Stone & Wellington if they want good healthy trees.

(Signed) W. J. SOMERVILLE.

"Stock came in good season."

Douglas, N.B., Oct. 20th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—Stock came to hand in good season and in splendid condition. If all nurseries packed and sent as you do and same quality of trees they would save lots of trouble.

(Signed) WALTER DUNPHY.

"Your nurseries are perfectly grand."

Walkerville, Ont., Sept. 26th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I saw Mr. W. Campbell of the Ferry Company yesterday, and he tells me that your nurseries are the finest he ever saw. He told some Detroit gentlemen in my presence that your nurseries are perfectly grand and the arrangements perfect, soil perfect, location perfect, and perfect all through, and he was very well pleased with the trip.

(Signed) C. SWAN.

"Am much pleased."

Adelaide, Ont., May 4th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—The stock was good, and splendidly packed, and I am very much pleased with the way you filled the orders.

(Signed) JOHN UPTON.

"It is a clean lot of stock."

Walkerville, Ont., Nov. 10th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

I received consignment of fruit trees in splendid condition and some of them are planted. I must acknowledge it is a clean lot of nursery stock. We shall order large quantities of trees and shrubs later on.

(Signed) JOHN HALL.

"They have done well."

Winnipeg, Man., March 14th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—Two or three years ago I ordered through your agent a quantity of Raspberry, Currants, Gooseberry and Plum trees. They were delivered in good condition; are now alive and have done well. They have come through our winters all right.

(Signed) JOHN OSBORNE.

St. Elie d'Orford, P.Q., 13 Mai, 1902.

M.M. STONE & WELLINGTON:

Messieurs,—Les gens etaient tous satisfaits en fait de donne condition des arbres. Ils sont les plus beaux qui sont venu ici ce printemps.

(Signé) LOUIS ST. CYR.

Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P.Q., 11 Mai, 1902.

M.M. STONE & WELLINGTON:

Messieurs,—J'accuse reception des arbres de printemps; je dois vous dire que je les ai reçu en parfait ordre.

(Signé) VITAL JACQUES.

St. Ephrem Station, P.Q., 30 Oct.

M.M. STONE & WELLINGTON:

Messieurs,—J'ai fini de livrer vos arbres. Tout le monde ont ete contents de leurs arbres. Ils ont trouve que c'etaient des beaux pommiers. Ill y a plusieurs qui veluent acheter encore.

(Signé) CHS. ROY.

St. Ephrem de Tring, 20 Oct.

M.M. STONE & WELLINGTON:

Messieurs,—J'ai reçu mes arbres; ils etaient de premiere qualite, et livres en bonne condition.

(Signé) ALPHONSE LACASSE.

St. Ephrem Station, P.Q., 20 Oct.

M.M. STONE & WELLINGTON:

Messieurs,—J'ai reçu mes arbres; ils etaient en bon ordre et de premiere qualite. J'en suis tres content.

(Signé) JEAN RODRIQUE.

St. Ephrem de Tring, P.Q., 10 Nov.

M.M. STONE & WELLINGTON:

Messieurs,—Nous avons reçu nos arbres en tres bonne ordre, et j'en suis tres content, car ils sont de tres bons arbres.

(Signé) A. POMERLEAU.

St. Ephrem de Tring, P.Q., 11 Nov.

M.M. STONE & WELLINGTON:

Messieurs,—Apres avant deballi nos arbres nous avons constate que ces arbres etaient de premier qualite et tres beaux; en consequent quand j'aurai besoin des arbres fruitiers je me ferai un plaisir d'acheter de la maison Stone & Wellington.

(Signé) ISAI GERANT.

Charlesbourg, P.Q., 5 Mai, 1902.

M.M. STONE & WELLINGTON:

Messieurs,—J'ai reçu les arbres le 3 courant, tous en bon ordre et les gens qui ont reçu leurs arbres sont tres satisfaits pour leur beaute.

(Signé) JOS. LEFEBVRE.

Ste. Marie de Beauce, P.Q., 8 Mai, 1902.

M.M. STONE & WELLINGTON:

Messieurs,—J'ai tout livre les arbres en bonne condition.

(Signé) POLYCARPE DION.

Ste. Genevieve, P.Q., 14 Mai.

M.M. STONE & WELLINGTON:

Messieurs,—J'ai reçu vos arbres en tres bon étät; je les ai livré et j'en ai fait la collection.

(Signé) J. O. GUILBAULT.

Ste. Eugene de Grantham, P.Q., 2 Mai.

M.M. STONE & WELLINGTON:

Messieurs,—Votre boite est arrivée, et elle est en bonne condition. Donc, je suis â faire ma livraison et tout va assez bien.

(Signé) H. H. LAFLEUR.

"All alive and doing well."

Trenton, Ont., Oct. 20th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—Harvey Henesy got 101 apple trees from you four (4) years ago. He says they are all alive and doing fine and bearing nicely and that you can use his name.

O. W. KEMP.

"All seem well pleased."

Clarence, N.S., Nov. 17th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I never heard a man find fault with his trees. All seem well pleased with the stock sent. I met several parties when delivering, who told me the best stock they ever got came from Stone & Wellington.

H. G. WILSON.

"The finest stock I ever saw."

Lyndhurst, Ont., March 2nd.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I know something about the quality of the stock you sent out, having planted considerable myself, which proved entirely satisfactory; in fact, it was the finest stock I ever saw turned out from any Nursery. I will do my best to secure you a good salesman here. I am sure you will secure a large share of the success that the excellence of your stock merits.

(Signed) T. W. BRESEE.

Hantsport, N.S., Oct. 5.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

I enclose Mr. Geo. W. Churchill's order for 500 trees. Out of the 500 trees you supplied him last Spring he only lost three. It's a good advertisement for you.

Yours respectfully,

HENRY SALTER.

"No complaints."

Lethbridge, N.W.T., Nov. 2nd.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—All are pleased, no complaints; collections almost completed.

E. W. HIGINBOTHAM.

"The stock I have just received is beautiful."

Lawrencetown, N.S., Oct. 31st.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I have been ordering stock from different Nurseries, for 12 years, and in that time I have not received a tree that was worth carrying to the field to plant. I at last said, if I could get trees from Stone & Wellington Nursery, I would give an order, for they were the only firm that I ever got a decent tree from. The stock I have just received is beautiful. I am very much pleased.

D. MORSE.

"They are looking excellent."

Portage la Prairie, Man., June 21st.

Gentlemen,—Trees, bushes, etc., are looking excellent. They are all leaved out, and making good growth. Am highly pleased with the stock.

W. E. MATHESON.

"Did not expect them to be so large."

Nelson, B.C., October 25th.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I received your fruit trees per Mr. Avery, last Monday, and am very pleased indeed with them as I did not expect them to be so large, as another rancher 3 miles from here got some from somewhere else that were only about three feet high, and I imagined mine would not be much bigger, so that I was very agreeably surprised to find such a stout healthy lot awaiting me, and am much obliged to you for them. I hope to place larger orders with you soon.

A. H. STEVENS.

THE AMPELOPSIS VEITCHII (Japan or Boston Ivy).

Photograph taken Sept. 19, '94, of section of Metropolitan Church, showing growth of vines planted by us the last week in May, 1893.

STONE & WELLINGTON, TORONTO

Canada
1898-1899

ANNALS, MAY '95

THE AMPELOPSIS VEITCHII.

Japan or Boston Ivy.

THE Photogravoure showing section of the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, covered with Ampelopsis is to present to our patrons in a practical manner the beauty and wonderful growth of this handsome, hardy creeper. We wish to show also the absolute necessity of securing first-class plants to begin with, and also the proper preparation of the soil if success is to attend the planter.

On page 112, of our new illustrated catalogue, we show the first year's growth of the Ampelopsis which were planted by us in the last week of May, 1893. The photo was taken in October, so that the growth shown is really short of 5 months actual growth.

The present photo was taken Sept. 19th, 1894, and shows the plants as they are after two seasons' growth. This is an average growth of not less than 12 feet, while some of the plants have grown over 20 feet besides spreading out and thickening up so as to almost entirely cover the brick-work of the church.

PREPARATION FOR PLANTING.

We received the order from the Metropolitan Church in Sept., 1892, but as the ground was unfit for planting, asked permission to prepare ground that fall and plant, spring of 1893. In Oct. holes two feet square were dug, the old soil carted away and new soil thoroughly mixed with cow manure placed loosely in the holes. The frost during winter thoroughly pulverized and sweetened the soil, making it in splendid condition for planting in the spring.

Out of 130 plants, put in four feet apart, there was not a failure, and the average growth for the first season was five to six feet. In the fall of 1893, before the first heavy frost, a deep coating of coarse stable manure was placed about the plants, and the following spring the straw was raked away and the loose manure spaded in, with the result shown in our picture.

AVOID CHEAP PLANTS.

As showing the great difference in results we may cite the case of St. James Cathedral. Three years previous to our planting at the Metropolitan we were asked by one of the church wardens of St. James for figures at which we would supply plants and take charge of planting sufficient plants to cover St. James Cathedral, and our tender was accepted. Shortly before planting time it was intimated to us that a much lower offer had been made for the job by a local concern, and we were asked if we would give up the contract. We readily did so, but stated we feared inferior pot plants would be supplied, whereas our plants were strong two year plants, outdoor grown. The result unfortunately for the church was as we predicted. The planting has been an utter failure, and there is only to be seen as the result of five years growth a few plants that have made about as much growth in that time as our plants have made in one season. In fact, were it not that plants were purchased from us and planted the past spring (1894) there would be little chance of the building ever being covered. We mention this fact with no animus, as the church wardens acted as they thought in the best interests of the church in getting the job done as low as possible. The moral is to avoid cheap stock. Buy hardy, two year outdoor plants and they will prove cheapest in the end. Carefully prepare and under soil for good results cannot be obtained by planting in inferior soil, or by using inferior cheap plants. The best plants are cheapest in the end.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

Hydrangea--Tree Form.

The Hydrangea Paniculata Grandiflora is one of the very Finest of Hardy Shrubs

but when grown in Standard or Tree Shape, it is especially showy and striking.

STANDARD HYDRANGEA. Rochester Litho. Co., Roch., N. Y.

It forms a graceful and dwarfish tree not reaching more than 8 to 10 feet in height, and is extremely effective for lawn decorations, whether standing singly or in masses. The immense trusses of bloom appear at just the time when other flowers are scarce, and last from the first of August until frost comes. It is entirely hardy and very easy to grow.

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(OVER 800 ACRES.)

Standard Hydrangea.

By trimming the Hydrangea so that it will grow in tree or standard form, it makes almost a different thing in appearance, being much handsomer and far superior to the bush form. No matter if parties have the bush on their premises they should not be without one or more of the Standard Hydrangeas. To more than substantiate our praise of this we only have to add below what *The Rural New Yorker* states:

"Another popular flowering shrub is the hardy Hydrangea, which begins blooming here about August 15th, and continues in flower for many weeks to come. It is especially valuable because it comes at a time when we are in need of flowers, and when there is little else to take its place. I have a bush of the Hydrangea (Paniculata Grandiflora) planted about five years ago, which is now about six feet in height and three times that size in circumference. I counted over 250 clusters of flowers on this bush. I have also about 40 plants, set only last spring, that have 15 to 25 well-developed flowering clusters on each. On account of its early propensity to bloom, and long season of flowers, together with its desirability and attractiveness both for house and lawn, I consider the Hydrangea the most graceful of all our hardy flowering shrubs. The Hydrangea can be planted singly or otherwise, and always gives a pleasing effect, but a bed of 12 or more plants together is, during late Summer, a sight that ought to delight the soul of the lover of the useful and beautiful in nature."

We could not request you to make a specialty of this Standard Hydrangea with more confidence than we do. We are positive it is something that will more than give satisfaction, and this is a self-evident fact when it is considered that it is of such large size when delivered that it cannot help but make a favorable impression in this respect, and then the size is also such as to enable it to be tied up in very secure and handsome shape. It is perfectly hardy, easy to grow, sure to bloom the first season, so that parties will get quick rewards and are certain to be more than satisfied.

The price of the Bush Hydrangea is not to be compared with the price of the Standard Hydrangea, inasmuch as the Standard Hydrangea has to be grown a longer time and much more carefully to get it ready for shipment, as we aim to have them as near perfection as possible and much superior to the Standard Hydrangeas that are ordinarily shipped, thus the cost of production is increased many fold, and by this careful culture the benefits to be derived in after years will be increased many times, thus more than offsetting any slight difference in price. The same care that is used in growing is also taken in shipping; we select the plants of extra size; have the roots tied with moss and canvass and the rest of the body and branches tied with straw so that the plant cannot possibly get injured. Considering all this there is no one after seeing the plant but what will say that our price is low. Hence we say, no matter what the circumstances are, have one or more Standard Hydrangeas on every order. We advocate planting them in masses of twelve or more.

A Bright Future for the Plum Business

The Opinion of one of Canada's greatest Plum Experts, a Grower and a Shipper, and a Recognized Authority on Plums

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THE GEORGIAN BAY FRUIT GROWERS,
LIMITED.

Thornbury, Ont., July 3, 1907.

STONE & WELLINGTON,

Dear Sirs—

We believe we are near a bright future for the PLUM business again.

NOW, in my opinion, is a good time to plant a setting of young orchards.

The varieties for this district I would recommend are a few of the old, well-tried sorts, such as LOMBARD, GLASS SEEDLING, WASHINGTON, BRADSHAW, YELLOW EGG, COE'S GOLDEN, REINE CLAUDE.

The Japan Plum I would plant would be the RED JUNE, it being quite hardy, a good bearer, and very early. *Yours very truly,*

J. S. MITCHELL,
Vice-President and Manager.

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British Columbia, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Southern Ontario

BEST EUROPEAN VARIETIES

BRADSHAW	LOMBARD	DUANE'S PURPLE
FELLENBURG	L. G. PROLIFIC	GERMAN PRUNE
FIELD	MONARCH	IMPERIAL GAGE
GEUII	NIAGARA	IMPROVED LOMBARD
GEN. HAND	POND'S SDG.	REINE CLAUDE
GLASS	WILLARD	SHIPPERS' PRIDE
KLONDYKE	YELLOW EGG	SMITH'S ORLEANS
	TENNANT PRUNE	

BEST JAPAN VARIETIES

ABUNDANCE BURBANK RED JUNE

GROUP No. 2

(Hardy)

Middle Ontario, Southern Quebec, New Brunswick

BRADSHAW	FIELD	GLASS
KLONDYKE	LOMBARD	MONARCH
REINE CLAUDE		YELLOW EGG

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(Very Hardy)

Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, New Ontario, Northern and Eastern Quebec

Only AMERICANA, CHICKASAW, and Native Plums can be successfully grown in these districts.

DESOTA	HAWKEYE	HAMMER	MILTON
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PRICES

All the above varieties furnished in strictly first-class stock, 75c. each; $8 per doz.; $50 per 100.

How One Man Grows Plums

They furnish necessary shade, and double profit on the same grounds

"I find that growing plum trees as an adjunct to the poultry business is very profitable. In each of my hen yards, which are fifteen feet long, I have a row of plum trees running through the centre. The hens do not bother the fruit, and on the other hand are a great help. They keep away all the bugs and worms; also the hen manure is the best fertilizer that can be had. The trees in turn furnish the shade which is so necessary, if hens are to do well.

I buy young trees from reliable nurseries, when they are two or three years old. They will bear so that they will pay a profit in three years after they are set out. I set three trees in rows fifteen feet apart. In the spring, after the plums have grown as big as marbles, I go through the yard and pick half of them, that is, when they hang in clusters. By thus thinning them out the ones that are left do much better, grow to a much larger size, and so command a much better price in the fall.

After once setting out the trees there is practically no expense with it, with the exception of thinning in the spring and picking in the fall. The receipts from the sale of the fruit are almost clear gain. In shipping to any market, the plums ought to be picked before they are dead ripe. In fact, they should be picked rather green, when the plum is hard, or just before it gets soft. They will ripen faster after they are picked. By picking this way, and putting them up in small baskets, I get a much better price than by sending the same fruit loose in large quantities.

I would strongly advise any one in the poultry business, if they are in a climate where plums can be grown at all, to set out trees. It will surely be a good investment."

W. J. STARKE.

PLUM TRIO

RED JUNE—BURBANK—LOMBARD

Earliest Medium Late

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Three Choicest Varieties, Prolific and Hardy, of first quality of Fruit.

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For commercial use, these varieties should be planted in quantity. No other varieties have proved greater

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Planted together, a succession of crops is assured, and highest market prices realized.

For the garden and domestic purposes, these three varieties will furnish all season for the table and kitchen

DELICIOUS

fruit, of the finest flavor. A treat for the table, and for canning purposes unsurpassed.

Three for $2; 4 of each, the 12 for $8; 8 of each, the 24 for $12.

MAYNARD

LUTHER BURBANK'S GREATEST PLUM PRODUCTION

✦

Grown and for sale by us in CANADA, through special arrangement with the originator, Mr. Burbank.

DESCRIPTION

Size very large, often measuring 7½ inches in circumference; shape nearly round, slightly flattened at the ends ; color, richest crimson purple, deepening to a royal damask as full ripeness is reached. Trees hardy, vigorous, compact growers ; bears immense crops of even-sized fruit, while very young. Superior to all varieties in keeping and carrying qualities. Flesh firm, even when dead ripe, but melting and juicy, with a deliciousness indescribable.

Every tree bears aluminum label, with originator's registered Trade Mark, which guarantees the genuineness of the tree.

2-yr. Trees, Thrifty and Healthy, 4-6 ft. high, $1.25 each, $12 per doz.

SPECIAL PLUM LIST

OF VARIETIES SUITABLE FOR ALL DISTRICTS IN CANADA

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Best Commercial kinds for Southern Ontario, British Columbia, and Nova Scotia. Hardy, tested kinds, for the cold sections of New Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan

Plums to Plant for Profit

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Thrifty and Vigorous, True to Name, and delivered in Perfect Condition.

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THE PERFECTION CURRANT

VREDENBURG & CO.,
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AWARDED THE

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The Fifty Dollar Gold Medal of the Western New York Horticultural Society, July, 1901, after three years trial.

The first fruit to receive this grand prize. Also received HIGHEST AWARD given any new fruit at the PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION.

Fac Simile
Gold Medal
Louisiana
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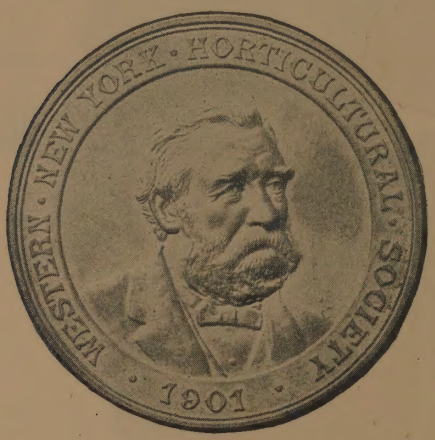
Exposition

This grand new fruit was awarded the only GOLD MEDAL awarded to a Currant at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, 1904

THE PERFECTION CURRANT

Was originated by Charles G. Hooker, of Rochester, N. Y., by crossing the Fay's Prolific with the White Grape currant.

After a thorough trial by the originator, Perfection proved so satisfactory and superior in many respects, that it was decided to enter it for the $50 Gold Barry Medal of the Western N. Y. Horticultural Society, which medal it received in 1901, this currant being the first fruit to capture this great prize.



Fac Simile of Barry Medal

The $50 Gold Medal of the Western N. Y. Horticultural Society

Perfection was thoroughly tested at the N. Y. State Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva, N. Y., in competition with 60 varieties, and came out at the head on its general merits, as stated by Prof. S. A. Beach.

The Perfection also received in 1901, the highest award given any new fruit at the Pan-American Exposition.

Fac Simile Pan-Am. Medal

DESCRIPTION

The Color is a beautiful bright red. **Size** as large or larger than the Fay, the clusters averaging longer. The size of berry is well maintained to the end of the bunch. The Perfection has a long stem from point of attachment to the bush to the first berry, making it easy to pick without crushing any of the berries.

Productiveness. The Perfection is a great bearer, resembling its parent the White Grape in this respect, superior to the Fay or any other large sort with which we are acquainted.

The Season of Ripening is about the same as that of the Cherry or Fay.

Quality. Rich, mild, sub-acid, plenty of pulp with few seeds. Less acid and of better quality than any other large currant in cultivation. The White Grape has always been considered one of the bsst varieties for table use, and the effect of this strain is plainly seen in the very fine quality of Perfection.

Vigor and Healthfulness. In habit of growth it is intermediate between its parents Fay and White Grape, with remarkably large healthy foliage.

VREDENBURG & CO., ROCHESTER, N. Y.

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The "Business Black Cap"

Largest Black Raspberry Known

Fruit sold for 10c. per quart when other varieties were selling for 5c. to 7c.

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THIS Raspberry originated with Mr. David Miller, a life-long horticulturist and fruit grower, who thoroughly tested it under all conditions. It is offered with the assurance that it is **the most profitable and desirable market variety yet known**, because of its **immense size, firmness and great productiveness** well entitling it to the above designation of **"The Business Black-Cap."** Has withstood a temperature of 16 degrees below zero, unprotected, without injury—a temperature which badly crippled similarly situated plants of Gregg, Shaffer, Cuthbert, etc. It is of wonderful productiveness, producing regularly and uniformly very large crops. **In size, the fruit is simply enormous**, far surpassing any other variety. The berries run seven-eighths and fifteen-sixteenths of an inch in diameter. In quality it is similar and fully equal to Gregg. Although extremely large, it is unusually firm and is well adapted for long shipments. It is an unusually strong grower, throwing up stout, stocky canes, well adapted for supporting their loads of large fruit.

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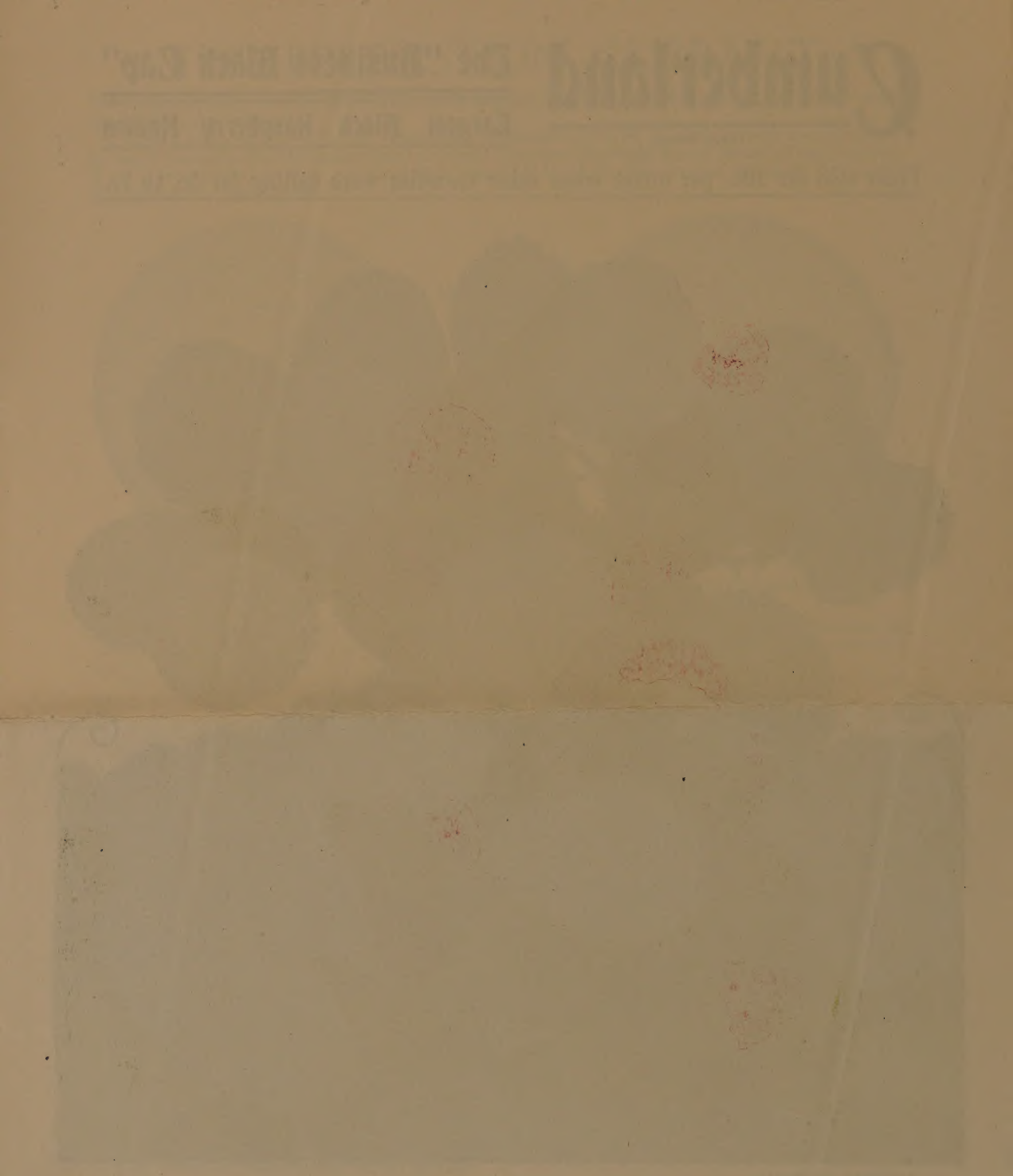


To the Public.

WHEN a business firm becomes an aspirant for public favor and confidence, particularly in the Nursery business, the first question naturally asked is "What assurance or guarantee can you give that you are sufficiently responsible and reliable, so that the confidence we may repose in you will not be abused?"

The best answer to this question is the testimony of the general public who have had dealings within the past years, and to the fact that our business has steadily increased each year to such an extent that we have been obliged to enlarge our borders to keep pace with the demands for Stock made upon us. Not only have we had to enlarge our Nursery grounds until we now have over 420 acres devoted to the growing of Nursery Stock, but we have been obliged to open Branch Offices in Montreal, P.Q., Hartford, Conn., Madison, Wis., and Victoria, B.C., the better to serve our Eastern customers and also meet the great and increasing demand from the States for *hardy* stock; and here we might remark that our increased trade from these points, especially in the colder sections of the Province of Quebec and all of the States north of Maryland and Kentucky has shown that our efforts to introduce **HARDY FRUITS** adapted to the climate they are sent to are appreciated. We have now the largest Nursery in the Dominion, and at the present time have growing over 900,000 Apples, 100,000 Plums, 150,000 Pears, 75,000 Cherries, 100,000 Peaches, 40,000 Roses, 100,000 Grapes, 150,000 Currants, 150,000 Raspberries, besides thousands of Gooseberries, Strawberries, Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, Evergreens etc., etc. We keep a force of from 80 to 100 skilled hands to grow this immense Stock, who are divided up into gangs under competent foremen, each having his department, and the whole being under the management of our partner, Mr. Edward Morris. From our different offices we employ from 250 to 300 Canvassers, each of whom is furnished with a certificate of agency signed by us, and our patrons can be assured that all orders given us through them will be carefully and promptly filled in the future as in the past. Never were our facilities so great for giving customers good stock and general satisfaction, and it is with the utmost assurance that we solicit a continuance of public confidence and patronage. With a view to prove further that any orders given to us through our Agents will be honestly and correctly filled, and the stock brought in every way up to contract, we herewith append a list of testimonials that we have received from parties who are in a position to speak from experience—having bought Stock of us. We regret having to omit a large number sent us, but our space will only admit of a few from different sections of the Provinces and the North Western States.

Respectfully,

STONE & WELLINGTON.

TESTIMONIALS.

THE GLOBE.

Toronto, April 27, 1879.

TREES FOR EXHIBITION GROUNDS—On Saturday morning Ald. Hallam, chairman, with Ald. Fleming, Wilson and other members of the Exhibition Committee, visited the Exhibition grounds for the purpose of inspecting the trees and shrubs which had arrived from the nurseries of Messrs. Stone & Wellington at Fonthill. The trees were all found to meet the requirements of the contract in diameter, height, and clearness of growth, and appeared to fully satisfy the members of the Committee. The trees will be planted this week, and when covered with foliage will add much to the appearanee of the grounds. Mr. Chambers, the gardener, is busy carting manure to the grounds, and grading, and otherwise improving the same.

THE MAIL.

Toronto, April 28, 1879.

THE EXHIBITION GROUNDS—The trees and shrubs for the Exhibition grounds arrived and were inspected by the Exhibition Committee on Saturday. The contractors, Messrs. Stone & Wellington, in the opinion of the Committee present, fully carried out their promise to supply nothing but first-class stock. The trees will be planted during the coming week, but other work, which it is intended to carry out during the present year toward improving and beautifying the grounds will also be commenced by the gardener, Mr. Chambers.

Elgin, Aug. 10th, 1887.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—A year ago last spring I purchased from your agent, forty-two apple trees, all of which are alive and doing well. For hardiness, healthfulness and vigorous growers, I consider your nursery stock unequalled.

I shall be pleased at any future time to give a further testimony as to quality of fruit, etc., etc.

Yours,

W. C. RUTHVEN.

South Burgess, Cranworth, Sept. 15th, 1887.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.

SIRS,—In the spring of 1886 I planted twenty-five trees that I bought from your agent, and am pleased to say that every tree is now as healthy and thrifty as when in the nursery.

NELSON PALK.

Berlin, Nov. 31st, 1887.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.

The nursery stock I ordered from you through your agent, Mr. Hodge, arrived here in splendid order, and I hope it will grow well. I am very much pleased with it so far.

Remaining yours,

DR. MYLING.

Amherstburg, Ont., Aug. 27th,

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON.

The trees and shrubbing bought from your agent last spring have grown so well that I don't want any of my neighbors to buy from anyone else. I have a friend, N. Coste, formerly one of the Directors of the Suez Canal. He has bought property near me, and will require trees and shrubbery. Send him your circulars, catalogues, etc., and you can make a good customer.

Yours truly,

C. COLLIER ROBBINS, M. E.

Waterloo, Oct. 27th, 1886.

STONE & WELLINGTON.

The nursery stock sold by your agent, Mr. Jas. Hoose, delivered here, arrived in good condition. The trees were proved by every person to be first-class.

GEO. SUGGITT,
Delivery Agent.

Onondaga, August 6th, 1886.

To N. MARLET.

The raspberry bushes I bought from you last fall came in fine form. I buried the stock as per instructions; they came out in good order this spring. Out of the whole lot I only lost one bush. I can say that I am well satisfied with my purchase.

THOS. CONBOY, JR.

Eagle Place, Brantford, May 6th, 1885.

STONE & WELLINGTON.

I think it but just to you to say that the stock I bought of your agent Mr. Huggard, was delivered in first-class order, and I have never seen better stock delivered, and am well pleased to deal with men who act as honorable as you all have done.

HENRY GREEN.

Brantford, Aug. 13th, 1886.

To N. MARLET, Agent, Fonthill Nurseries.

The stock I bought from your firm through Thos. Norrie, and delivered by you in first-rate condition, is now doing all that could be wished for, although the present season is very hard on young growing stock. My loss is nothing. In proof that I am satisfied, I now without solicitation give you another order for the fall delivery, from the same firm.

PHILIP McCAULAY.

Brantford, July 23rd, 1886.

N. MARLET, Agent.

The nursery stock I bought from your firm (Stone & Wellington), through Thos. Norrie, and delivered by you, consisting of 100 Lee's Prolific and other currants, are all doing well—did not lose a single bush. They are showing signs of a fair crop of fruit this present season. Can fully recommend you and your firm to my friends and neighbors. This is my second order and another will soon follow.

C. ANGUISH.

Middleport, Sept. 2nd, 1886.

N. MARLET, Agent.

The stock of berries, grapes, plums, apples etc., bought from you, amounting to $38.00, was all delivered in prime order. I have had only a very small loss. Many of the berries set out this last spring produced good fruit. The one dozen Golden Pocklington Grapes I set out this spring are growing good, one vine has now two nice bunches of grapes well filled. I have no reason whatever, to complain of either your stock or your manner of dealing.

Yours truly,

DAVID DEAGLE.

Mount Pleasant, June 25th, 1886.

MR. N. MARLET, Agent, Fonthill Nurseries.

In answer to your enquiries in reference to the stock I bought from your firm, through Thomas Norrie, and delivered by you this spring, I would say, it fully exceeds my expectations. The stock consisted of a large quantity of Black (Lee's Prolific) currants, also red currants. Your system of packing, shipping and handling stock is the best I have ever seen, and cannot fail to come in good condition. I have not lost any of the stock. all growing vigorously. What surprises me most is that I only set them out this spring, and this same season is fruiting. I consider that when both agents and principals honestly fulfill their agreements, a suitable acknowledgment should be made, therefore, I have pleasure in endorsing the well-earned reputation of your firm, Messrs. Morris, Stone & Wellington.

Yours truly,

WM EADIE.

Simcoe, Oct. 26th, 1886.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.

GENTS,—I have bought considerable stock through your agent Mr. Huggard, from your nurseries, and am well pleased with the results, and especially with the stock being always true to name. My grapes, pears and apples are all doing well.

Respectfully yours,

E. E. HOBBS.

Port Hope, April 17th, 1886.

GENTLEMEN,—Your stock came to hand yesterday apparently in splendid condition. Thanks for promptness.

Yours truly,

GEO. WILSON & SON.

Delta, Feb. 19th, 1886.

JAMES KOYLE, Agent, Stone & Wellington.

SIR,—I am pleased to inform you the nursery stock I got from you last spring, amounting to $25.80, proved to be, without a single exception, first-class.

Yours truly,

JAMES BURLOW.

Waterloo, Oct. 27th, 1885.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON.

The stock I have just bought from your agent, Mr. Hoose, I find is in good condition, as well as some stock I have bought on former occasions.

Yours respectfully,

S. SNYDER.

Brantford, May 9th, 1885.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON.

I have pleasure in stating that after purchasing trees from your agents for the past three or four years, I hereby add my testimony to the good quality of the stock I have received, and the treatment I have received from your agent, Mr. Huggard affords me satisfaction. Hoping to add to my already large order of $120.00.

I remain yours, etc.,

RICHARD T. LEE.

Cataraqui, Oct. 28th, 1886.

MR. A. ENGLISH.

DEAR SIR,—The trees purchased by me from the Stone & Wellington Nursery were all they represented them to be; straight, thrifty and of uniform size. I can cheerfully recommend them to intending purchasers.

Yours, etc.,

J. H. GORDON.

Delmer, Dec. 17th, 1886.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Nurserymen, Toronto.

I wish to say without request that I purchased 200 Gregg black raspberries and 200 Cuthbert red raspberries. Their bearing qualities are splendid. The second year I had them I gathered sixty-two quarts, and the third year nine bushels, and sold them at my residence. The total sum realized for my berries was $30.28 They are first-class in every respect. This stock I purchased from your agent Mr. Huggard.

Yours respectfully,

W. T. ARMSTRONG.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON.

DEAR SIRS,—I have received my trees, etc., to-day, they look well, and are quite satisfactory. They are well cared for, and carefully handled by your agent, Mr. Maybee, and I will commend them to the public generally.

Yours most respectfully,

WM. WALKER,

Member of Brock Council.

Oxford, Oct. 31st, 1885.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON.

DEAR SIRS,—The nursery stock that I received from your agent, Mr. Malcolm McDonald, was delivered in good order, and I am satisfied they were first-class.

I am, yours truly,

GEORGE THOMPSON.

Sweaborg, Ont., Dec. 3rd, 1886.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Nurserymen, Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—The trees I bought of your agent, Mr. A. Mapes, for spring of 1886, have all grown, and are nice, thrifty trees. I am well satisfied with the result, and will be happy to recommend intending purchasers to you.

Yours respectfully,

ALFRED PULLIN.

STONE & WELLINGTON.

DEAR SIRS,—The stock ordered from you arrived in good condition, and we recommend it as being first-class.

Yours truly,

MOSES D. BICHN.

Sweaborg, Ont., Dec. 3rd, 1886.

GENTLEMEN,—This recommend I freely give for the apple trees I ordered through your agent, Mr. A. Mapes, last spring. They were all that could be desired. The Pocklington grapes I ordered at same time are also doing well.

Yours, etc.,
W. H. CODY.

I enclose you a testimonial from Mr. Chas. B. Robson. I am also forced to say that I have never seen such a large lot of trees of such uniform excellence. They were much better than expected. I have not heard of any murmuring from any who obtained trees of you. These were the sentiments of all who saw the trees.

Yours respectfully,
GEO. B. PATRICK.

Mr. C. H. Williams, to whom the following letters are addressed, is our agent in Hillsdale Co., Mich. He was so often asked by his friends what grounds we had for a claim on their confidence that he asked us for some references. We gave them to him, and their replies are so much to the point that we decided to introduce them in this new edition of our Testimonial Circular.

Port Robinson, Ont., Jan. 15th, 1884.

MR. C. H. WILLIAMS.

DEAR SIR,—Yours of the 8th inst., to hand, asking for information concerning Morris, Stone & Wellington's nurseries of Fonthill.

As agent of the Grand Trunk Railway at Port Robinson Station, where the nursery do most of their shipping, I must say to you in referring to my "Freight Forwarding" book, I find that they shipped the past year, twenty-seven (27) full cars of trees in the spring and nineteen (19) full cars in the fall to all parts of the continent, and some going even to Russia. Besides these there were a large quantity of shipments in less than carload lots. I am told also that they ship large quantities by the M. C. Ry. from Welland Station.

As to honor and integrity, I have found them unimpeachable as regards these qualities in all my dealings with them.

Personally, I am able to speak of the quality of their fruit Every Spring and Fall for the past seven years I have planted more or less of their trees and vines, and always with first-class success as to growth and invariably true to variety named. Last spring I planted 770 Grape vines and about 1,000 fruit trees of different varieties. I lost only two of the grapes and about twenty of the trees.

In every way that I have dealt with them I have been amply satisfied.

Yours truly,
GEORGE ELLIOTT.

Agt. G. T. Ry., Port Robinson Station.

Kingston, Ont., Sept. 1, 1884.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to testify to the great satisfaction received by me on an order of ornamental trees, shrubs, clematis, etc., sold and delivered to me last spring by Mr. John Morris for the firm of Stone & Wellington, Toronto. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, they all look well and are fine specimens of the class of goods dealt in by Stone & Wellington. If wanting further trees or shrubbery I would patronize this thoroughly Canadian firm.

(Signed) WILLIAM CARR,
Head Gardener Rockwood Asylum,
Kingston.

Welland, Jan. 13th, 1885.

C. H. WILLIAMS, Michigan.

DEAR SIR,—I could not say anything too commendatory of the Fonthill nurseries. I live within a few miles of them and go to see them repeatedly. They are managed with great prudence and success. The stock is first-class and the management is in every way satisfactory. I am satisfied you will never regret placing fullest confidence in whatever representations Morris & Co., may make.

Yours, etc.,
R. HARCOURT, M.A., M.P.P.

Welland, San. 7th, 1885.

MR. C. H. WILLIAMS, Churches Corners, Hillsdale Co., Mich.

SIR,—In reply to yours of 2nd inst., regarding the standing of Morris, Stone & Wellington, nurserymen, in this neighborhood, I beg to say that they stand first-class in every respect.

Yours, etc,,
JAMES McGLASHAN.
Manager Imperial Bank of Canada.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 17th, 1885.

C. H. WILLIAMS, ESQ.

SIR,—In reply to your letter allow me to say that I understand Stone & Wellington to be one of the foremost firms in their line of business in this vicinity. They have, in the past, done a large trade, and so far as I know in an honorable way. I am personally acquainted with the resident partner of the firm and I consider him a gentleman and an excellent business man.

Yours, etc.,
W. R. SEWARD,
Cashier Bank of Monroe.

Fonthill, Ont., Jan. 6, 1885.

C. H. WILLIAMS.

Messrs. Morris, Stone & Wellington are thorough business men and reliable; represent the finest nursery in Canada, and make it a point to have their goods turn out A 1. They have about 305 acres (415 S. & W.) in nursery stock and fine large greenhouses. Yours truly,

D. KINSMAN.
Postmaster, Fonthill, Ont.

Cobourg, Ont., May 26th, 1883.

STONE & WELLINGTON.

DEAR SIRS,—The nursery stock I received from you through your agent, Mr. C. Fyke, came in first-class order; none better in the market; well pleased with my purchase.

Yours,
R. HAWKEY.

Port Perry, Ont., June 2, 1883.

I have much pleasure in certifying that Messrs. Stone & Wellington have furnished me this spring with shrubs and ornamental plants, and that nothing could be better than the excellent condition in which they were delivered, or their successful growth after planting.

JOHN CARRY, B. D.
Incumbent of the Church of the Ascension.

Drummondville, May 1, 1883.

DEAR SIRS,—Trees (1,000 peaches and a large quantity of small fruits) received in good order and are satisfactory. Draw on me for amount of account, on Welland, at your convenience.

Yours truly,
HENRY C. SYMES.

Ottawa, August 12, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your inquiry respecting the fruit trees, apples, pear, grape vines, raspberries and blackberries, received through you this season from Messrs. Stone & Wellington, I am glad to be able to say that every one of them, with the exception of one Concord grape, took, and so far have progressed very favorably indeed. Nothing could have been more satisfactory.

Yours truly,
N. H. MILLER,
Ex-Mayor for City of Ottawa, now Registrar for the County of Carleton.

Hyde Park, Ont., Nov. 4, 1883.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON.

GENTLEMEN,—I have much pleasure in stating that the apples, pears, peaches, raspberries, blackberries, mulberries, black caps and currant trees I got from your agent, J. G. R. Finchamp, this spring turned out in quality far ahead of my expectations. They are all growing well. Have had considerable nursery stock from other nurseries, but none satisfied me like yours. Send you a small order this fall; will send you a larger one in the spring. If not too late can you send to Hyde Park Station, 2 Mann, 2 King (Tomkins County), 2 Ben Davis apple trees, Standards, with good round heads. If you haven't them, don't send any other kind. Send a postal card when you ship them. I want them to fill up a vacancy in my orchard. Will send the money on receipt of the trees. You can make use of this for your benefit if you desire.

Yours truly,
GEORGE NIXON,
Hyde Park.

Rodney, Ont., April 26, 1884.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Nurserymen, Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to say the variety (18) of Roses sent me have met my expectations. The varieties are of the best and as represented. The parties who fail to get their nursery stock from such a reliable firm are working to their own disadvantage. Very truly yours,

T. G. SANDERS.

Tilsonburg, Ont., Nov. 28, 1883.

MR. R. L. HUGGARD,
Agent Stone & Wellington.

SIR,—The 150 pears you sent me last Spring have all grown except one. About half of them would have blossomed. I allowed some to bear a few, and the fruit was very good and like the samples.

Altogether I am satisfied with the growth of them.

WILLIAM H. SANDERS.

Accompanying which find an order for a dozen more trees.

Mitchell, Ont., May 2nd, 1884.

GENTLEMEN,—The shipment of stock sent to me by your firm came to me in good order and I was well pleased with it.

Respectfully,
T. H. RACE.

Leamington, Ont., June 11, 1884.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON.

DEAR SIRS,—The fruit trees which I purchased from you through Mr. H. Chamberlain have turned out very successfully without a single failure, and I have much pleasure and confidence in recommending those who may require anything in your line to give you a call.

Yours truly,
C. G. MARTIN.

Kingsville, Ont.

Mr. James Merritt, an old nurseryman writes

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON.

I have just received a lot of trees from you, delivered at my house 6 miles from the place of delivery, which are the finest I have seen delivered in Essex County. They cannot fail to suit parties wishing nursery stock either in regard to size or quality, and in the way in which they were handled by your men in the nursery and your agent, Mr. Cady, and I do cheerfully recommend you to all persons in need of nursery stock.

Yours truly,
JAMES MERRITT.

December 6, 1879.

Props. Fonthill Nurseries.

GENTLEMEN,—The 1,000 apple trees that I procured from your Nurseries this autumn please me very much. They are certainly a fine lot, the finest I think that have ever been brought into this township. I can recommend all who are in want of nursery stock to patronize the Fonthill Nurseries.

Truly yours,
ROBT. MITCHELL.

The following unsolicited testimonial we cut from an Oshawa newspaper:

Last spring I received a lot of trees, shrubs, etc., from the Fonthill Nurseries, and although I have bought and planted fruit and ornamentals every spring for the past 15 years, I have never had such good luck with any former lot, every tree, shrub, evergreen and climber has done well, not one has died, although some of them were new to our climate and of delicate nature. I hope my friends (who may be in want of trees) will try the Fonthill Nursery before sending elsewhere, and if they do I know that in the "Sweet by and by" they will thank me for this unsolicited hint.

Yours,
E. CARSWELL.

Mount St. Louis, Ont., May 13, 1880.

STONE & WELLINGTON.

GENTLEMEN,—I herebv testify that I received my fruit trees in a healthy, good condition.

JOHN DUNLOP.

We, the undersigned, have much pleasure in certifying that we have had considerable dealings with the Fonthill Nurseries, and have got considerable stock in the shape of trees, shrubs, etc., from them, and that we have had the best of satisfaction with the stock and with the treatment we have received at the hands of the proprietors of these nurseries.

S. T. LIVINGSTON,
Mayor town of Simcoe.
W. MATHERSON,
Sec.-Treas. Oakwood Cemetery.
J. NICKERSON,
Supt. Oakwood Cemetery.

Toronto, June 19, 1879.

STONE & WELLINGTON.

GENTLEMEN,—I have much pleasure in saying that the large orders for trees and shrubs given you by the Toronto City Council for planting the new Exhibition ground this spring were satisfactory every way. The stock looked well grown and in good condition when delivered. They are all growing and doing well.

ALD. HALLAM,
Chairman Exhibition Committee.

Trenton, Dec. 12, 1878.

GENTLEMEN,—The large number of fruit trees I have purchased from you within the last few years have done exceedingly well; with their clean, smooth trunks they present a striking contrast to many trees seen throughout the country. Standard pear trees set in the spring of '76 bore fruit this year, and are at the present time full of fruit buds; they are fine, thrifty trees.

Yours truly,

H. F. YOUNG.

December 6, 1876.

Proprietors Fonthill Nurseries.

GENTLEMEN,—Out of the 250 pear trees I obtained from you last spring I have only lost three. I am very much pleased with them, and from what I know of your nurseries I can confidently recommend those who intend to plant, to obtain their stock from you. I shall be over in the spring for more trees.

I remain, gentlemen, yours, etc.,

GEORGE PAGE,

Dep. Reeve, Thorold Tp.

Southend, Ont., Dec. 7, 1878.

GENTLEMEN,—I am happy to state that of the 1600 peach and 400 apple trees obtained from your nurseries, I only lost about 40. They are a remarkable fine lot of trees, so much so that agents for other nurseries canvassing in this township claim the credit of having sold them. Fruit growers in this section now see the advantages of trimming as advocated by you, and are adopting that plan.

Truly yours,

JOHN R. MITCHELL.

Beamsville, Ont., April 27, 1882.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—Having just finished planting 2800 fruit trees bought from you, I write to state that I am perfectly satisfied with the trees you sent me. Without a single exception, they are the finest lot of trees I ever bought or saw come from a nursery. You are welcome to use the above in any manner you please.

Yours truly,

JAMES H. WALKER.

Duffin's Creek, Ont., Sept. 17, 1880.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON.

I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the quantity of nursery stock delivered here from your nursery. I have been handling nursery stock for the last 14 years, but never handled any better stock. Your grapes, currants, berries and trees of all sorts are doing remarkably well, and all seem much pleased with the result.

MATTHEW SHALLOW,

Gardener.

Grand Bend, Ont., May 3rd, 1881.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON.

GENTLEMEN,—It gives us pleasure to bear testimony to the good quality of your spring stock of fruit trees delivered by your painstaking and obliging agent, Mr. French. Considering the extreme severity of the past winter your stock seems not to have been much affected, and the trees present a thrifty appearance, both root and branch, and have been delivered here in excellent condition, and from past experience from the Fonthill Nurseries, we can, with confidence, recommend any parties who are in want of nursery stock of any kind to deal with you.

Yours, etc.,

JOHN DALZIEL.
JOHN IRONSIDE.
W. S. WILSON.

Port Perry, Ont., Sept. 28, 1880.

TO MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON,

"Fonthill Nurseries," Toronto.

SIRS,—The trees I purchased from you through your agent, Mr. W. T. Armstrong, of Port Perry, this spring, came in first-class condition, and are thrifty trees, not having lost one up to this time, and do cheerfully recommend all parties in want of good trees to buy from a firm which is thoroughly Canadian and reliable.

J. H. BROWN.

Port Perry, Ont., Oct. 4, 1880.

TO MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON.

"Fonthill Nurseries," Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—The large number of trees, apple and pear, I received through your agent, Mr. W. T. Armstrong, of Port Perry, last spring, have thus far given satisfaction. They are all alive and doing well, and appear to be very vigorous trees. Parties who intend to plant fruit trees cannot do better than to procure them from your nurseries.

R. HARPER.

TO D. FRENCH, ESQ.,

Agent Stephen Township.

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in stating that the apple, pear and cherry trees, grape vines, etc., that I purchased of you from Stone & Wellington's nurseries, have given entire satisfaction and have made excellent growth. Your stock appears to differ somewhat from most of the stock supplied from the United States as you appear to send the roots along with the trees. I can fully recommend your stock to any one in want of anything of the kind; I feel sure they will be satisfied in every respect.

Yours truly,

D. JOHNS,

P. M. Exeter.

Chatham, Ont., June 26, 1880.

GENTLEMEN,—I have much pleasure in letting you know that the trees I received of you through your Agent, L. A. Blackburn, this spring, arrived in good condition; they were smooth in the bark and were allowed by all who saw them to be the best stock ever delivered here.

I remain, yours, etc.,

THOMAS INES.

Prescott, Ont., Oct. 29, 1880.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON.

GENTLEMEN,—I have much pleasure in stating that the grapevines and clematis ordered through your agent, Mr. George S. Robertson, for fall delivery, have been delivered in very fine condition, and can say the roots are the largest and finest I have ever received, after some eight years experience in buying.

I am, yours very truly,

B. FRENCH.

Seaforth, Ont., Nov. 22, 1879.

We, the undersigned, have great pleasure in certifying that the orders for nursery stock given to Messrs. Stone & Wellington, of Toronto, have been carefully filled, and the stock delivered in first-class order by Mr. Wm. Curry, their agent in Seaforth.

WM. HILL.
JAMES H. BRONSON.
JAMES HART.
JOHN McLEAN.
MRS. A. STRONG.
WM. M. GRAY.
WM. HACKVILLE.
WM. N. CRESSWELL.
L. MEGEY.
W. S. MUNDELL.

Prescott, Ont., Oct. 29, 1880.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIRS,—The shrubs, grape vines, etc., ordered through your agent, G. F. Robertson, for fall delivery, were superior to any ever received by me heretofore, all being well rooted and in a healthy condition, having had experience for past fifteen years in purchasing.

P. COUGHLIN.

Stoney Creek, Ont., May, 1882.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—We take much pleasure in saying to you, the public, and fruit growers of Ontario, that we have during the last two years planted many hundreds of trees of various kinds from your Fonthill Nursery, and that they have given perfect satisfaction, and that we wish to thank you and say that as long as you have trees for sale you can depend on our custom.

Yours very truly,

HENRY SPERA.
W. A. SPERA.
J. SMITH.

Pioneer Vineyard, Winona, Ont., May, 1882.

GENTLEMEN,—I have much pleasure in informing you that after distributing many thousands of trees and vines to the public, and planting quite largely of your stock myself, that your patrons have, with one or two exceptions (you will find croakers in every community), been not only satisfied, but greatly delighted with the splendid stock you have sent them.

Yours, etc.,

J. H. BIGGAR.

Brantford, Ont., April 22nd, 1882.

DEAR SIRS,—I received the fruit trees and shrubs in good condition. I saw the whole stock that came to the city on the 22nd April, and I never saw finer stock come from any nursery before.

Yours truly,

H. TUCKER,
Gardener at College.

London, Ont., May 3rd, 1880.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Nurserymen, Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—The rose bushes ordered by me through your agent, Wyman Clark, have been delivered by him, and are in every respect what he told me they would be, first-class.

F. B. LEYS.

Asphodel, Ont., May 27th, 1889.

GENTLEMEN,—I have much pleasure in letting you know that the 1,000 apple and pear trees which I received from you this spring arrived in splendid order. They are all clean and smooth in the bark, and were allowed by all that have seen them to be the best lot of trees they have ever seen in this part of the country. Hoping to be able to give you a good account of them next year, (as they are all leafing out).

I remain, yours truly,

JOHN POWELL.

Pembroke, Ont., Aug. 2nd, 1881.

A. W. STRACHAN, ESQ., Agent Stone & Wellington, Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—The nursery stock received through you this spring has turned out to be first-class. The roses are now in bloom and are splendid. The Pocklington Grape, although broken down by accident, has again made a rapid growth, and shows unmistakable signs of being both hardy and vigorous.

I am, yours respectfully,

D. C. CHAMBERLAIN.

Niagara, Ont., May 13th, 1880.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the pleasure to inform you that all the trees sent to Niagara for Mr. Strathy, over $300 worth, have been delivered and are now planted on his grounds. I think it only fair to remark on the good quality of the stock, and with fair attention they cannot fail to do well. Those planted last fall are all coming into leaf. I don't know that a single one has been lost.

Yours respectfully,

HENRY PAFFARD.

Arkona Nurseries, April 15th, 1880.

GENTLEMEN,—Your consignment came safely to hand yesterday, and in the best of condition. They are very fine for the price and I am very much pleased with them. Thanks for the present of two trees of High's Early Peaches. The packing was good and the trees were quite damp on opening out. Find enclosed the amount on the face of your bill.

I am, yours very truly,

B. GOTT.

London, Ont., 22nd April, 1882.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Fonthill Nurseries, Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—I just received the trees I ordered from you last fall. They are good specimens, in good condition, and delivered in the right time. I am always glad to deal with an honorable house, such as yours, and wish you abundant success.

I remain, yours thankfully,

D. MACFIE.

Convent of Our Lady of L. Huron.

Sarnia, March 5th, 1880.

To MR. JAMES W. BEALL, Agent Stone & Wellington, Toronto.

SIR,—I am happy to certify that the fruit trees which you forwarded to me last spring arrived in good order, and I am pleased to add they are now in a thriving condition.

Yours, etc.,

MOTHER SUPERIOR.

Pembroke, Ont., Aug. 2nd, 1881.

A. W. STRACHAN, Agent for Stone & Wellington, Toronto.

The nursery stock received from you has turned out well. The Pocklington and Brighton grapes have made excellent growth. The Champion grape, also received this spring, has fruited seven bunches of full sized grapes. I can recommend your stock.

Yours truly,

JAMES B. DICKSON.

Diamond, Fitzroy, Ont., 3rd Aug., 1883.

A. W. STRACHAN, ESQ., Agent for Stone & Wellington, Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in stating that the nursery stock received from you has turned out well and has made excellent growth; roses and all are doing well, in fact, better than your recommendation.

I am, sir, your truly,

ROBERT WALKER.

Simcoe, Ont., July 4th, 1881.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.

GENTS,—I think it is due to you to write and say that the 1,000 peach trees I obtained from you this spring turned out, in quality, far ahead of my expectations, and have made an average growth up to the present time of about 18 inches. About two per cent. will cover all failures. The orchard has been visited by a very large number of people, and all pronounce them the handsomest lot of trees ever sold in this section.

Yours truly,
J. B. McNELLA.

Cobourg, Ont., July 28th, 1881.

To MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.

DEAR SIRS,—Last season I gave your agent an order for $6.75 worth of fruit trees, and I was so well satisfied with the appearance of the stock that I have since ordered $18.85 more with your agent, J. Lee, and shortly after Mr. Niven came around, I gave him another order for $18.85 more still, and I feel that I am not exaggerating when I say that yours is the only firm where full satisfaction and thorough good stock is given.

Yours truly,
JOHN GORMALY.

Winona, Ont., May 12th, 1882.

Having dealt quite largely with Messrs. Morris, Stone & Wellington, of the Fonthill Nursery, for the last few years, I have much pleasure in saying that their stock has given perfect satisfaction, and that I have found them honorable men in all their dealings.

While discharging my duties as Inspector of Peach Orchards for Saltfleet I did not find a diseased tree that had been sent out by the firm, and found their stock well spoken of by all.

M. PETTIT,
Peach Orchard Inspector for Saltfleet.

London, Ont., May 1st, 1880.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Nurserymen, Toronto, Ont.

GENTLEMEN,—I wish to state for your benefit that the rose bushes and other nursery stock delivered to me this spring by your agent, Wyman Clark, were in good thrifty condition, and up to his recommendation in every respect, and would advise others to buy nursery stock of you.

Yours respectfully,
C. H. ELLIOTT.

Carbin Co., Pa.

To those that intend to buy fruit trees we should like to say a word, we say buy of responsible men. Men that will send you what you ask for and not substitute as much as they possibly can. I have been dealing with Morris, Stone & Wellington, of Fonthill, Ontario, and I found these men strictly honest, reliable and trustworthy. Every tree of mine came true to name.

P. D. KEISER.

Dorchester Station, Dec. 23rd, 1888.

The apples, pears and crab apples bought of W. Cooper, agent for Stone & Wellington, are first-class and growing fine. Would not deal with any other firm.

WILLIAM OLIVER.

Evelyn P.O.

Never had as fine lot of trees sent me before, cherries, plums, pears and small fruit all alive and growing fine. Give me Canadian nursery stock in preference to all others.

JOHN LACKIE.

Chatham, Nov. 23rd, 1889.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington.

Gentlemen,—I have pleasure in stating that the orchard of apples and pears I purchased from you ten years ago all proved true to name, and all the trees grew except one. I invite any to show a better record for the last ten years.

Yours, etc.,
F. ARNOLD.
Kent Bridge, Ont.

Greenbank, Sept. 6th, 1889.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Toronto.

I have much pleasure in stating that the large number of apple trees I ordered through your agent, Mr. Geo. Thexton, are all alive and in first-class condition, and as a proof I have this day given him a further order for 50 more apple trees and a number of cherries, plums and pears. I forward you this testimonial without any solicitation whatever. Wishing you and your agent every success.

I remain, yours truly,
JAMES BURNS.

Tilsonburg, Jany. 12th, 1889.

Stone & Wellington.

Gents,—I am pleased to state that the 100 pears and plums I got from your agent, Mr. Huggard, last year have every one grown and are fine healthy trees, (some have made a growth of three feet) not one failure. I am pleased to deal with men who furnish stock as they agree, and hope I will be as successful with this present order.

I remain, respectfully yours,
BENJAMIN SCHWANTZ.

Sherkston, June 25th, 1889.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington.

Dear Sirs,—The fruit trees that we purchased from you through your agent, Mr. F. F. Wood, last spring reached us in good condition and are doing well. We are well pleased with our treatment, so much so that we have given your agent, Mr. Wood, another order this day for quite an amount.

Truly yours,
B. & A. SHERK.

Pike Creek, Dec. 13th, 1888.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Fonthill Nurseries.

Dear Sirs,—The handsomest trees I ever saw coming from a nursery I got from you last spring. The stock I bought was plums, pears and cherries and they are all doing well.

Yours truly,
THOMAS ROBINSON.

Maidstone Cross, Dec. 20th, 1888.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Fonthill, Nurseries.

Dear Sirs,—I am happy to certify that the 54 trees I bought of your agent, Mr. Jas. McCauley, last spring, have all done well, they are without doubt a handsome lot of trees. I have no hesitation in giving your agent, Mr. McCauley, another order for $36.45 for spring 1889.

Yours truly,
MRS. BRIDGET McLEAN.

Bailieboro, May 22nd, 1889.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington.

The trees I bought from your agent, J. D. Armstrong, are the best I ever purchased. They have only been planted one year and are all in bloom. I think they are the best that have ever come into this part of the country.

I remain, yours truly,
HERBERT PERRIN.
South Monaghan.

Walkerville, Jan'y 28th, 1889.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Nurserymen, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sirs,—I am happy to say that the 17,000 grapes I bought of you have all done well. Although I considered the price somewhat high at the time I have since changed my mind. I consider them cheaper than what my neighbors bought for 30 and 35. I found no culls. I found them just as you represented them.

Yours truly,
LUKE MONTREUIL.

Elmbank, May 2nd, 1889.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Fonthill, Ont.

Dear Sirs,—I received through your agent, J. Malloy, Toronto, a consignment of fruit trees, comprising plum, pear, apple and apricot. I am much pleased with them and have no hesitation in pronouncing them the finest lot of trees I ever set out. I may also say that I am much obliged to you for those extra apple trees which you sent me.

Yours respectfully,
ROBT. SPEERS.

Maple Lodge, Mount Chesney, Feb. 3rd, 1890.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Fonthill Nursery, Toronto.

Gents,—Having large practical experience in fruit raising and procuring trees from almost all the nurseries in Canada and United States, I have no hesitation in pronouncing your stock the best procurable.

ROBERT MARSHALL.

Ogdensburg, N.Y., March 1st, 1886.

J. F. Gilbert, Esq.

Dear Sir,—The stock I purchased of you last year from the nurseries of Stone & Wellington has given me great satisfaction. I give you another order and ask nothing better than a repetition of my last year's experience. My dealings with the house you represent commenced several years ago by the purchase of four Pocklington grape vines. They are all alive and doing as well as I could expect. I think this grape very choice, and would not exchange the vines for any other variety I know of.

Very truly yours,
R. E. WATTERMAN.

St. Louis Co., N.Y.

Stone & Wellington, Toronto.

Dear Sirs,—The box of nursery stock you sent me, with the exception of four trees, are very nice, and gave me good satisfaction. In the $250.00 delivery of 103 orders I did not find a single mistake and consider you a reliable firm and think you are trying to do an honest business.

J. H. SMITH.

Ogdensburg, March 2nd, 1886.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Toronto.

Gentlemen,—I take pleasure in stating that my apples and mulberry trees and also the Gainor Blackberries, purchased of your agent, Mr. Jas. F. Gilbert, last spring were received in first-class condition, and made an extraordinary growth, especially the Gainor Blackberries, of which too much cannot be said. Their hardy, rapid growth, large fruit and fine flavor make it a most desirable berry.

Yours very respectfully,
R. H. WILCOX,
Ogdensburg, N.Y.

Ogdensburg, March 3rd, 1886.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington.

The rose bushes purchased of you last spring through your agent, Mr. Jas. F. Gilbert, were received in good condition, and gave entire satisfaction. They made rapid growth, and bloomed freely for the first year. They did so well that I have given Mr. Gilbert an order for this spring, and I can heartily recommend your firm to all purchasers of this beautiful shrub.

ROBERT ATCHINSON.

Ogdensburg, March 4th, 1886.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Toronto, Ont.

Gents,—The 200 apple and 15 pear trees I purchased from your agent, Jas. F. Gilbert, were delivered to me last spring in good order, and I have ordered 50 apple trees and 6 plum trees to be delivered this spring, and I feel justified in recommending your stock to any one in want of nursery stock.

Yours truly,
H. D. NORTHRUP.

TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR BRANCH OFFICE AT MONTREAL.

J. W. BEALL, Manager.

Granby, P.Q., 8th Oct., 1881.

I have much pleasure in certifying that at a joint exhibition of the Shefford Co. and Abbotsford Fruit Growers' Association, held in the Town Hall, Granby, P.Q., on the 27th and 28th ult., Messrs. Stone & Wellington, of Toronto received from the Judges "honorable mention," for their exhibit of eleven varieties of grapes.

(Signed,) D. GREENE, M.D.,
Sec.-Treas. F.G.A., Co. Shefford.

Ursuline Convent, Que., Feb. 20th, 1882.

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony that the young rose plants from the Fonthill Nurseries have given us entire satisfaction, and with the exception of three branches out of eighteen, they are all in a very promising condition.

SR. ST. GEORGE, DEP. 7.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to certify that I made the delivery of nursery stock for Stone & Wellington, in the fall of 1886, and found it nice stock, and in excellent condition.

Yours respectfully,
R H. LIBBEY,
Hillside Farm, Newport, Maine.

Montreal, Aug. 16th, 1886.

R. HARRY SEABROOK,
Messrs. Stone & Wellington.

DEAR SIRS,—The stock you sold me this spring has done remarkable well, I have not lost a single fruit tree, and both they and the shrubs have grown with great freedom and vigor. On the whole I am well pleased with my purchase.

Yours truly,
H. ABBOTT, JR.

Village des Aulnaies, Co. L'Islet, P.Q., May 22nd, 1885.

MESSRS. MORRIS, STONE & WELLINGTON, Fonthill, Ont.

Gentlemen,—I am much pleased with the trees you have sent me. They are well grown, healthy trees, and packed by men who know their business. I regret not to have bought more at once, but I shall want three thousand this fall, and I intend to purchase from you if you can supply the stock I want. To-day I have requested the Cashier of La Banque Nationale, Quebec, to send you draft on a Toronto bank for $65, amount of bill of trees. With thanks for having trusted me.

I remain, your obedient servant,

AUG. DUPINT.

Mount Royal Vale, Montreal, Dec. 28th, 1885.

W. J. McEwan, Agent for Stone & Wellington.

Dear Sir,—I wish to inform you the mulberry trees received from Stone & Wellington, through you two years ago, have been a real success, and that I never had a more delicious fruit growing in my garden. To anyone in doubt I would say that I should be most happy to show them the satisfactory results I have had from these trees.

Yours very truly,

P. M. HENRICKSON,

Near Cote St. Luc. Mount Royal Vale.

Rougemont, P.Q, May 17th, 1886.

I have received the fruit trees, viz : Apples, plums, apricots, cherries, pears and currants, which I ordered from Messrs. Stone & Wellington, through their agent, Mr. Pearson, of Farnham, and I am much pleased with them. They came in good order, are of full size, and appear to be what we expected.

(Signed) GEO. WHITFIELD.

Montreal, Aug. 16th, 1886.

Dear Sir,—The stock you sold me this spring has done remarkably well. I have not lost a single fruit tree, and both they and the shrubs have grown with great freedom and vigor; on the whole I am well pleased with my purchase.

Yours truly,

(Signed), H. A. ABBOTT, JR.

of Abbott, Tait, Abbott & Campbell.

Translation. Quebec, Dec. 23rd, 1886.

I, the undersigned, certify that at different times I have had occasion to get plants from the celebrated firm of Stone & Wellington, and do not hesitate to express my entire satisfaction for all I have had from them either as fruit, bush or flower trees. I shall always be most happy to recommend your firm to those that may desire to purchase plants of any kind.

C. A. VERGER, M.D.

Translation.

Ste. Anne de la Parade, May 11th, 1887.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington.

Gentlemen,—The plants of fruit and ornamental trees just received through your agent, Mr. E. Hardy, have been delivered to us in such a condition that we do not hesitate to foretell their full success, for they are of a good size, well proportioned, fresh, brilliant and full of life.

NARCISSE BRUNETTE.

T. B. GERMAIN.

CHS. SAUVAGEAN.

St. Edwidge de Ceiftor, May 8th, 1886.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington.

Dear Sirs,—I am more than pleased with the nursery stock I had from you, especially the standard apples which are quite twice the size of some I had from another firm, they have better roots and came in better order; I shall want more next season.

Yours truly,

PERRY, ARNOLD & CROSS.

Holton, P.Q., June 4th, 1886.

Stone & Wellington, Montreal.

The apple trees and grape vines ordered from you last winter were delivered at my house in good condition, and I am well satisfied with the manner you have filled my order, and recommend your firm to all of my friends who may require trees.

CHRISTOPHER LEGANTT.

I am well pleased with my gooseberry and currant bushes that I got of your agent, David Duncan, last fall, some 300 or more, they are all alive and doing well.

NOBLE SANFORD.

Sherbrooke, April 25th, 1887.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington.

Gentlemen,—I bought from you a few years ago (5 years) some fruit trees (apples) and have found them hardy, good thrifty trees. They have done well with me and several trees are now in bearing.

Yours,

J. A. CAMIRAND.

Montreal, May 10th, 1882.

To Stone & Wellington.

I have much pleasure in informing you that the order given you last winter through your agent, Mr. McEwan, for 500 apple, 150 plum, 50 cherry, 50 pear trees, also bushes (including 3 doz. of the Golden Pocklington) raspberries, currants, gooseberries, etc., etc., was delivered at my residence last week by Mr. Beall, manager of the Montreal office, and must say the stock is first-class in every respect; well packed, clean, healthy and well grown. I am well pleased and can recommend your firm to others in want of stock.

A. B. LAFLEM, B.G.L.

Montreal, June 3rd, 1880.

Mr. James W. Beall, Agent Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Nurserymen, Toronto.

Sir,—The roses, clematis, shrubs and ornamental trees purchased from you this spring are all in a thriving condition, and promise to be very satisfactory, especially those in the grounds of Rockeby Hall, Sherbrooke Street.

Yours, etc.,

JOHN JAMES BROWN.

Architect.

Montreal, May 11th, 1882.

Having bought 100 apple trees from Messrs. Stone & Wellington, per J. W. Beall, manager of the Montreal office, this is to certify that I received them in good order, being well packed and every appearance of good healthy trees, and I am well pleased with them altogether.

R. J. LATIMER.

Office of Kenneth, Campbell & Co.

Montreal, June 14th, 1880.

J. W. Beall, Agent for Stone & Wellington.

Dear Sir,—I have frequently purchased shrubs, roses, clematis, etc., from the firm you represent

—Messrs. Stone & Wellington—and through you I have much pleasure in saying that everything I have had has come to me in the most satisfactory condition, and has proved quite satisfactory in every way. The best proof of this is perhaps to be found in the order for 21 roses which you will find enclosed.

Your truly,
KENNETH CAMPBELL.

Montreal, May 5th, 1879.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Toronto.

The order I gave you last fall has come to hand in first-class condition, very carefully packed, and I am well pleased with the manner you have filled my order.

ALEX. BUNTIN, 345 St. Paul,
Paper Manufacturer.

Hotel Dieu, 22nd Feb., 1882.

The Sisters of Hotel Dieu are well satisfied with the fruit trees purchased from J. W. Beall, manager of Montreal office of Stone & Wellington, nurseymen, Fonthill Nurseries.

SISTER ST. ROSE DE LIMA,
Depositaire.

Quebec, 11th Feb., 1882.

The Sisters of the Female Hospital are well pleased with the rose bushes, small fruits and fruit trees purchased from J. W. Beall, manager for Stone & Wellington, nurserymen, Toronto, Fonthill Nurseries.

SISTER ST. JOSEPH,
Mother Superior.

Quebec, Feb. 25th, 1882.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Fonthill Nurseries.

Gentlemen,—The Elm and Norway Spruce trees purchased through your agent arrived in excellent order, carefully packed, and have as a whole made most satisfactory growth the past season.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM LUGGETT,
Superintendent and Gardener,
Mount Hermon Cemetery.

Waterloo, P.Q., Oct., 1883.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington.

Gentlemen,—The trees that I ordered from your agent, Mr. Humphrey, that were delivered to me last spring, I am pleased to say came in good order, being well packed and were delivered in good season, and are doing well, and I feel justified in recommending your stock to any who may be in want, and feel quite satisfied that the Fonthill Nurseries are taking the lead of all other nurseries in the Dominion of Canada, and certainly preferable to any from the States.

CERILLE BEAUMONT,
NELSON L. DIMICK,
JOSEPH WHITEHEAD,
WILMOT WHITEHEAD,
B. M. MARTIN,
A. D. MARTIN,
R. RAYTON.

Newcastle, Me., May 28th, 1887.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Montreal.

Sirs,—The cedar hedging and trees came to hand. I am so well pleased with the cedar that I have taken pains to call my friends' attention to same. Four or five gentlemen near by will want some. I will do all I can for your interest. I shall want another season 150 more of such as you sent, and hope you will be able to supply me.

Your obedient servant,
(Signed), J. G. BARSTOW.

Lachine, P.Q., April 25th, 1887.

I am happy to inform you that the trees bought of you last spring have been a success, not one having failed, and I don't hesitate to say that any person buying your plants, would not regret their bargain.

Yours, etc.,
DOMINIQUE LEDUC,
GILBERTI LEDUC.
Upper Lachine Road.

Shubenacadie, N.S., Oct. 20th, 1887.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Montreal, Que.

GENTLEMEN,—I have much pleasure in stating that the apples, plums, grape, gooseberries and currant trees I got from your nursery for the last five years, turned out in quality far ahead of my expectations. They are all growing well. Have had some nursery stock from other nurseries but none pleased me like yours. This summer off ten Downing gooseberry bushes (two of which were only one year old) I picked 48 quarts of berries, which I sold for 12 cents per quart. I have ordered some more good sfrom your agent, "Murray," which are coming in this fall, and have given him another order for next spring.

I am yours, etc.,
C. R. MILLER.

Grand Seminary, Montreal, Jan. 30th, 1886.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON.

GENTLEMEN,—I have much pleasure in stating that the various fruit trees and bushes which I have obtained for the last three years from your nurseries through your agent, Mr. A. Stevens, have given good satisfaction. To our institution are extensive grounds, which, when well prepared, I intend to have planted with fruit trees, and I shall be pleased to purchase the stock from you.

(Signed) REV. J. D. BRAY.

Sherbrooke, P.Q., Dec. 30th, 1882.

MR. JOHN HUMPHREY.

DEAR SIR,—I planted last spring one hundred and twenty apple trees purchased from Stone & Wellington, Toronto, and I am pleased to say they have been doing very well.

Yours,
J. A. CAMIRAND.

Togus, Maine, Nov. 17th, 1887.

To whom it may concern.

This is to certify that I have planted at this institution over $200.00 worth of ornamental trees, shrubs and roses ordered of Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Nurserymen, Fonthill, Ontario, through their agent, R. Sutherland, and I have no hesitation in saying it was the finest lot of stock I have ever seen. The roses were very fine, and all the goods were delivered in first-class shape, and packed superior to any I have ever seen. I am convinced there is no better place to obtain stock from, and with careful treatment ninety-nine per cent. will succeed.

I remain, yours truly,
JOSEPH HIGGINBOTTOM,
Gardener,
National Soldiers' Home,
Togus, Maine.

Worden, June 3rd, 1889.

Stone & Wellington, Montreal.

Gentlemen,—I ordered some trees from your agent in 1885, gooseberry and currant bushes, Fay's Prolific and Moore's Ruby. They have done better than I expected, and I would recommend any one in want of trees to order from the Fonthill Nurseries, as they are preferable to any firm in the States, and I think the best in Canada.

(Signed) W. J. GALWAY.

Huntington, Oct. 28th, 1880.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON.

GENTLEMEN,—The apple trees which I got from you last spring are all living and doing well. I am fully satisfied with value received for my money. Yours, etc.,

JOHN HYDE.

Lewiston, Me., Nov. 27th, 1886.

Stone & Wellington, Montreal.

Dear Sir,—The trees I received of you through your agent, R. Sutherland, were delivered in good order, were smooth in the bark, well rooted and healthy looking. I have no hesitation in saying they were the finest lot of trees I have ever received.

F. B. JEFFERY.

Pitkin & Huse, Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 12th, 1885.

To whom it may concern.

I know Mr. Charles C. Conant, the agent of Messrs. Stone & Wellington, and believe him to be reliable and trustworthy. Last season I gave him an order, which was promptly filled, and the things ordered were, when delivered, of excellent quality and in fine condition.

CLARENCE H. PITKIN.

Montpelier, Dec. 12th, 1885.

We heartily endorse the above letter of Mr. C. H. Pitkin.

JAS. T. SABIN,
JAS. A. PAGE,
GEO. C. THEFRORD,
C. N. PORTER.
JOHN G. WING,
JOSEPH A. WING.

Montreal, P. Q.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington.

Gentlemen,—We, the undersigned executive of Riverside Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, take great pleasure in stating that the 500 fruit trees ordered of you through your agent, R. H. Fulton, Esq., of this place, came to hand this spring in first-class condition, and have done remarkably well. They are certainly the best trees that have ever come into this section of N.S.

(Signed) REUBEN STARRATT, W.M.
JOHN H. FULTON, Secretary.

Bass River, Dec. 16th, 1889.

Charlesbourg, 22nd Feb., 1889.

I bought some apple and mulberry trees from Stone & Wellington, and I am proud to say that the trees have given me excellent satisfaction.

Capt. T. E. FRECHETTE.

St. Michel de Bellechasse, 23rd March, 1889.

To Stone & Wellington, Nursery from Toronto.

I bought, at different times, apple trees, also mulberries, gooseberries and grape vines, from your agent, Mr. Hardy. I have always been well satisfied. I sent him another order to-day for $10 Yours truly,

PIERRE FISET.

Loretto, March 12th, 1889.

I bought, two years ago, some currants and gooseberry bushes from Stone & Wellington. Those plants did very well, and gave excellent satisfaction. Some of the currants bore clusters of five, six, even seven inches in length, so you may be sure that I am very well pleased with them.

ETIENNE BERNIER.

Saint Ange, Beauce, 3rd August, 1888.

I bought, two years ago, some apple and cherry trees from Stone & Wellington. I am very pleased to say that I am fully satisfied with them.

CHAS. F. J. BOURQUE, Ptre.

Ste. Anne de la Parade, P.Q., July 21, 1888.

To Mr. E Hardy, agent for the firm of Stone & Wellington.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your letter of the 23rd, I must say that all the small fruit trees that I bought from you are growing splendidly. The two clematis had flowers, the grape vines are growing nicely, as are also the Russian mulberries of last year.

Yours respectfully,

P. GEORGES BEAUDRY, N.P.

Valleyfield, 9th July, 1888.

To Mr. James W. Beall, agent, Montreal.

Dear Sir,—I am very well satisfied with the apple trees I got from you. Only one out of the 170 I bought is dead, nine were in blossom. The two mulberries had also some flowers.

Your humble servant,

J. T. LASNIER, Ptre.

St. Joseph, Beauce, 19th July, 1888.

To Messrs. Stone & Wellington.

Dear Sirs,—It is with great pleasure that I am able to inform you that all the trees that I bought from you are doing so well, although I put them late in the ground last spring, they are all doing well. I recommend them to all those who desire to buy any from you, and I am certain they will be satisfied.

Yours respectfully

A. M. BICHARD,
Q. C. R. Agent.

Ste. Marie, Beauce, P.Q., 25th July, 1888.

To Mr. E. Hardy, Agent for Stone & Wellington.

Dear Sir,—I hereby certify, having planted out at different times, apple trees from Stone & Wellington, and have been always successful.

Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH MORIN,
Sec. for the Schools.

Saint Casimir, P.Q., 26th July, 1888.

To Mr. Hardy, Agent for Messrs. Morris, Stone & Wellington.

Dear Sir,—The mulberries and the Russian apricot that you sold me are growing very well. My neighbor, Mr. Alexis Lachance, has also been equally as successful, and he asks me to write you to that effect.

DR. Y. E. ROUSSEAU.

Hotel Dieu, Quebec, 16th June, 1888.

To Mr. E. Hardy, Agent.

Dear Sir,—It is with pleasure that I have to say that I am very well pleased with all the trees that I bought from you. They are growing very rapidly.

Your humble servant,

SISTER STE. BARBE
Superieure.

St. Francois, Isle d'Orlean, July 3rd, 1888.

To Mr. Hardy, Agent for Stone & Wellington.

Dear Sir,—It is with pleasure that I inform you that I am satisfied with the trees you sold me. They have made a healthy vigorous growth. Wishing you full success,

I remain, yours truly,

J. ED. LECLERC, Ptre.

St. Casimir, May 12th, 1888.

To Messrs. Morris, Stone & Wellington.

I hereby certify, that the trees we bought from your agent, Mr. E. Hardy, have been delivered to us in good order.

BENONI, HARDY & SON,
Manufacturers.

St. Casimir, P.Q., May 12th, 1888.

Mr. O. Crottier delivered me, in good order, the trees that I bought from Stone & Wellington.

D. C. E. ROUSSEAU, M.D.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Montreal, P.Q.

Gentlemen,—The trees ordered from J. C. Downes, your agent, two years ago, have proved to be as represented, and I think you are the most responsible firm in Canada.

(Signed) JOHN BRACK.

Woodstock, N.B.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Montreal, P.Q.

Gentlemen,—The fruit trees, etc., ordered last spring through your agent, Mr. J. E. Lockwood, were received in good condition, and are quite satisfactory. I thought my order, which amounted to $41.50, a pretty large one at the time, but when I saw the stock I was inclined to wish it had been larger.

Yours truly,

(Signed) C. L. S. RAYMOND.

Melbourne, P.Q., June 18th, 1889.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Montreal.

Your trees are doing as well as I ever saw trees do, and I have had practical experience. The Russian apple trees which I got from you this spring have made from 6 to 7 inches growth. The small fruits also are doing very nicely. A good number will have quite a quantity of fruit, some of the berries being quite a size at the present time. I may say they have had justice done them, though I did not expect I could get my ground properly prepared. I trust the fruit will turn out satisfactory.

Yours truly,

(Signed) CHAS. REAY.

Compton, P.Q., Sept. 18th, 1889.

Stone & Wellington, Nurserymen, J. W. Beall, Man.

Dear Sirs,—Out of the 185 trees sent last spring, not one has died, and most of them have made two and one-half to three feet growth this summer, and there has been a great many nurserymen, agents, grafters, etc., in looking at them, and it is universal amongst them that there is no better lot of trees in the Eastern Townships. Thanking you again for your attention in the matter.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) GUY CARR.

Sainte Anne de la Parade, P.Q., 11th May, 1888.

I certify that Mr. O. Crottier delivered me, in perfect order, the apple trees that I bought from the firm of Stone & Wellington.

LOUIS JOS. BARIBEAU.

St. Chrysostome, P.Q., Aug. 27, 1888.

Stone & Wellington, Montreal.

Gentlemen,—The trees (one hundred apples) which I purchased from you in the spring of 1887, are living and doing well. I have no hesitation in recommending your stock to my neighbors, and I propose to give an additional order for 250 trees.

(Signed) NARCISSE BEAUDIN.

WHAT THEY SAY IN THE NORTH-WEST.

The following are a few out of the many testimonials we have received from our customers in the North-West, and show that our stock succeeds in the coldest sections, even when shipped over a thoushand miles away. The secret of this is: 1st. We sell hardy varieties for cold sections. 2nd. Our trees are well grown, healthy and thrifty; and 3rd. We pack so that the stock comes in perfect condition, being as fresh as when it first comes from the earth.

Stillwater, Minn., March 1st, 1882.

Stone & Wellington, St. Paul, Minn.

Please fill the accompanying order at the time of your spring delivery in this city. I have been earnestly solicited to-day by the agent of a Minnesota nursery; but being well pleased with your stocks purchased of you last year I have decided to order of you again this year rather than to invest in an uncertainty. This is the third time I have ordered stock from your nursery, and hoping that I will be as well satisfied with stock and fair dealing as formerly.

I remain, yours truly,

J. O'SHAUGHNESSY.

Stone & Wellington, St. Paul, Minn.

Gents,—The shrubbery we purchased of you last spring has given complete satisfaction, and, notwithstanding the many chances to obtain shrubbery, we hand you an order this year for stock amounting to $18.75.

MRS. D. M. SABIN,
Stillwater, Minn.

E. F. Pugsley, Esq., Agent for the Fonthill Nurseries, Sioux Falls.

Dear Sir,—I have patronized several nursery firms, but have never been so well pleased with any stock as that received from Stone & Wellington. Everything obtained from them was better than represented, and although planted late in spring not one died, but everythiug has grown so as to surprise everyone who sees them, and at once assures us that fruit will grow in Dakota if you obtain good stock to begin with.

(Signed) DR. A. L. MARCY,
Sioux Falls, Dakota.

Sioux Falls, D. T., Aug. 13th, 1881.

Stock I purchased of Stone & Wellington has all grown and done well, and has given general satisfaction. Small fruits have done splendid. Grapes grown four feet up to date. Raspberries fruited same season planted.

J. M. KEESLER.

Stillwater, March 3rd, 1882.

Stone & Wellington.

Gentlemen,—Sometime during the summer of 1881, I ordered nursery stock to the amount of $9, which was delivered by your agent the following fall. It came to me in first-class condition and more than filled the guarantee made by your agent at the time I gave the order. I am well aware of the fact that talk is cheap, but the accompanying order of $30, which I give unsolicited after being urged by the agent of a Minnesota nursery, will convince you I mean all I say.

Yours respectfully,

CHAS. BRENNER.

E. C. Calderwood, of St. Thomaston, Me., says:

"The trees I had from you were A1; the best I ever had. I have tried both Rochester and Maine stock, but prefer yours."

Pilot Mound, Manitoba, May 4th, 1889.

James Rankin, Esq.

I have much pleasure in stating that the currant, raspberry and gooseberry bushes ordered from Messrs. Stone & Wellington, of Fonthill Nurseries, Ont., and delivered by you, appear to be very good, and have come to hand in good order and condition.

A. McDOUGALL.

Stone & Wellington, St. Paul, Minn.

The rose bushes you forwarded to us this spring are all in a good, vigorous condition and growing nicely, and bid fair to excel the ordinary class of stock of that variety previously cultivated in this city. Your agent is doing an upright, straight business here, and we wish him and your firm much success.

PHIL. POTTS,
Stillwater, Minn.

TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR HARTFORD, CONN., BRANCH.

Managed by I. C. MERRILL.

Mr. O. C. Lacky, of Hartford, Conn., says:

"I have purchased a number of trees and shrubs from your nurseries, and they are all doing well, and have given entire satisfaction."

Charles S. Young, of Sunapee, N. H., writes that:

"I will say that I am much pleased with the trees that I bought of your agent. They are looking very nice indeed."

Eckhardt Krauth, the proprietor of a prominent Middleton hotel, also says:

"I am more than satisfied with the goods received from you."

P. J. Crowe, of Ware, Mass., writes:

"The plants received from you this spring are in a healthy condition and doing well, Had some Rochester plants last year which proved a failure. I would have no more from there at any price."

A. G. Mitchell, of the Mitchell Brothers Iron Works, Norwich, Ct., says:

"Allow me to compliment the stock received from you. It arrived in the best condition of any I have had for years, and of all I planted have not lost one, this being my first order of you. If this is a sample, I shall continue to order whenever in want.

Stratford, Conn.

I received the trees and shrubs in good order, and am well pleased with them.

FRANK BACON.

A. D. Baker, Insurance, 105 Weathersfield Ave., Hartford:

"Those Saunder's plum trees were fine. Send your agent here; I want more of such fine stock." We have his order for spring delivery.

74 Howard ave.. Ansonia, Conn.

I. C. Merrill & Co.

Gentlemen,—The roses and other shrubs which I purchased of you last spring are in healthy condition, and I must say are all that was promised of them. I have had occasion to become quite skeptical in the past, as some with whom I have dealt have made great claims for their plants, and I regret to say in most cases they have proven complete failures. Should you favor our vicinity with a canvassing tour for another spring, I trust you will not pass us by on the other side. I am, gentlemen,

Yours with respect,
E. A. KIRKHAN.

263 Wakelee ave., Ansonia, Conn.

I. C. Merrill & Co.

Gentlemen,—I am well pleased with the Nursery stock I purchased of you the past season, it being fully as good as represented to be, and shall not hesitate to give you an order when I need more, as I am confident I shall find everything as represented.

Yours very respectfully,
C. B. WOOSTER.

E. L. Kenyon, Esq., Hartford, Ct.

Farmer & Dairyman.

"Father and I have bought New York trees every year for more than ten years, and yours are the finest trees we ever bought, and grow the best."

W. R. Austin, Norwich, Conn., writes as follows

"The trees and shrubs received last spring from the Fonthill Nurseries, though set out with no especial care, I am pleased to state are all living and doing finely, every one of them, which exceeds my usual experience in tree and shrub planting."

From Mr. John A. Lawrence, of Norwich, Conn., we hear as follows:

"I am well pleased with the trees I purchased of your agent, Mr. Hez. Huntington. They are all in good growing condition.

Mrs. L. D. Brown, of Mansfield Centre, writes us that:

"The trees and shrubs that I received from your agent came to me in good order. I was much pleased with them, and they are all growing nicely."

Andrew Pearson, of Middleton, writes, and encloses another order. He says:

"The apple trees and berry bushes I got from you this spring are all right and doing well. In nine weeks from the time I planted your twelve raspberry bushes, I picked three and one-half pints of fine large berries. You have my order for more."

C. E. Plimpton, of the Plimpton Mf'g. Co. of Hartford, Ct., says:

"I find all stock received of you to be perfectly satisfactory, and in a healthy condition, growing finely and giving promise of an early yield."

K. H. Leavens, of Norwich, Ct., says:

"I have had but one lot of trees of you, but decidedly prefer northern grown trees to New York State ones."

Ansonia, Conn.

The shrubs received from you gave perpect satisfaction.

H. M. BROWN.

Judge S. T. Holbrook, of Norwich, Conn., says:

"The nursery stock I received through you this spring, from the Fonthill Nurseries, gave entire satisfaction. While, as a general rule, the trees and shrubs that I have purchased of other dealers, one-half stunt or die the first year, those I received from you are all alive, and are healthy and thrifty. I observed, when they arrived, that they had been carefully removed from the ground, and unusually well prepared for shipping. With my best wishes for your success and prosperity in business, I am, etc."

I. C. Merrill & Co. Ansonia, Conn.

Gentlemen,—The vines delivered to me were satisfactory in every way, and as represented.

A. H. BARTHOLOMEW.

Stratford, Conn.

I. C. Merrill & Co.

Gentlemen,—Your stock of fruit trees are so far giving the best satisfaction beyond our highest expectation; for the Red Cherry tree very nice flavored cherries, which were eaten with a relish, I can assure you. The Pear and Apple trees are also doing nicely. When I hear of any one wanting fruit trees I shall certainly advise them to buy of I. C. Merrill & Co.

DAVID W. BOOTH.

I. C. Merrill & Co. Ansonia, Conn.

Gentlemen,—The Rose bushes we bought of you lived and blossomed, and we were very much pleased with them.

MRS. C. W. LINES,
No. 1 Lester st.

59 Hough ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

I. C. Merrill & Co.

Gentlemen,-The Grapes, Moore's Diamond, that I purchased of you last spring, are doing splendidly. In fact, it could not well be otherwise, packed and delivered in such fine condition.

Yours truly,
E. A. HODGE.

No. 45 Island Brook ave., Bridgeport, Ct.

I. C. Merrill & Co.

Gentlemen,—The Grape vine and shrubs I bought of you are growing nicely, and give perfect satisfaction.

Yours truly.
CHAS. DIAMOND.

Stratford, Conn.

The Roses and shrubs I bought of I. C. Merrill & Co. were nicely packed and fine stock, and grew nicely. I have never received nicer stock from any firm.

MRS. G. W. CRADDOCK.

TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR MADISON, WIS., OFFICE.

A. W. PHIPPIN, Manager.

Carlton, Ill., June 11th, 1889.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington.

Gentlemen,—I bought one hundred and fifteen fruit trees of your agent, Mr. Wiley, this spring, and wish to state that the trees are straight, thrifty and of uniform size. They are without doubt the finest lot of trees ever purchased by me.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN McGIRR.

Harmon, Ill., May 15th, 1889.

This is to certify that I bought trees from J. L. Porter, agent for the Fonthill Nurseries of Canada, in the spring of 1888 and fall of same year, also a dozen more this spring. I am pleased to say of the 36 trees bought every one has lived and are doing finely. I also bought of the agent of the LeMars Iowa Nursery forty trees, and planted them side by side of those from Fonthill, and at least one-half of them are worthless. I take pleasure in recommending the Fonthill Nursery to those wishing to start an orchard. It may cost a little more in the start but is cheaper in the end.

JNO. W. WADSWORTH.

Sioux Falls, Dakota, Jan. 16th, 1889.

I can truthfully recommend the Fonthill Nurseries of Canada, as the stock I bought of their agent, E. F. Pugsley, seven years ago is all alive and bearing—apples, currants, raspberries, etc. My clematis has bloomed very freely every year until frost and is a perfect mass of blossoms, the climbing rose has also bloomed every year, the Tartarian honeysuckle is a mass of bloom every spring.

MRS. D. ALLEN.

Rockford, Ill., July 1st, 1889.

A. Wheeler.

The raspberry bushes I purchased of Stone & Wellington through you last spring have all done nicely. Most of them will bear berries this year. The grapes also have made an unusual good growth. They all came in such good shape they could not help growing. I would recommend Mr. Wheeler and the Fonthill Canadian stock to all parties wishing stock.

J. H. CARSON.

Proprietors Fonthill Nurseries.

I purchased 50 apple trees of the Russian varieties from your agent, L. N. Fero, one year ago. They are all alive and have made good growth, giving perfect satisfaction.

Green Lake, Wis. WM. S. MILLER.

Troy Mills, Iowa, May 10th, 1889.

Props. Fonthill Nurseries.

Gentlemen,—The three hundred apple and crab trees I ordered of you through your agent, J. A. Michael, were delivered in good condition. I consider them first-class, and they were extra well rooted, and are to all appearances perfectly healthy and thrifty. I am well pleased with them. I consider them fully as good or better than represented by your agent.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE A. ELLIOTT.

Parker, Dakota, Jany. 16th, 1889.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington.

Gentlemen,—I can gladly recommend the Fonthill Nursery stock, as the trees I bought of your agent, E. F. Pugsley, seven years ago, have all been bearing for the last four years. My fruit from it took sweepstakes premium, at the Turner Co. fair last year. My pear tree is very thrifty. I have never had any success with any other trees, and I have purchased a good many from Iowa and Illinois. The varieties were Duchess, Transcendent, Golden Beauty and a sweet-apple I do not know the name of.

Respectfully,
JEN HOWARD.

From the Grand Island *Independent*.

Grand Island, Nebraska, May 11th, 1889.

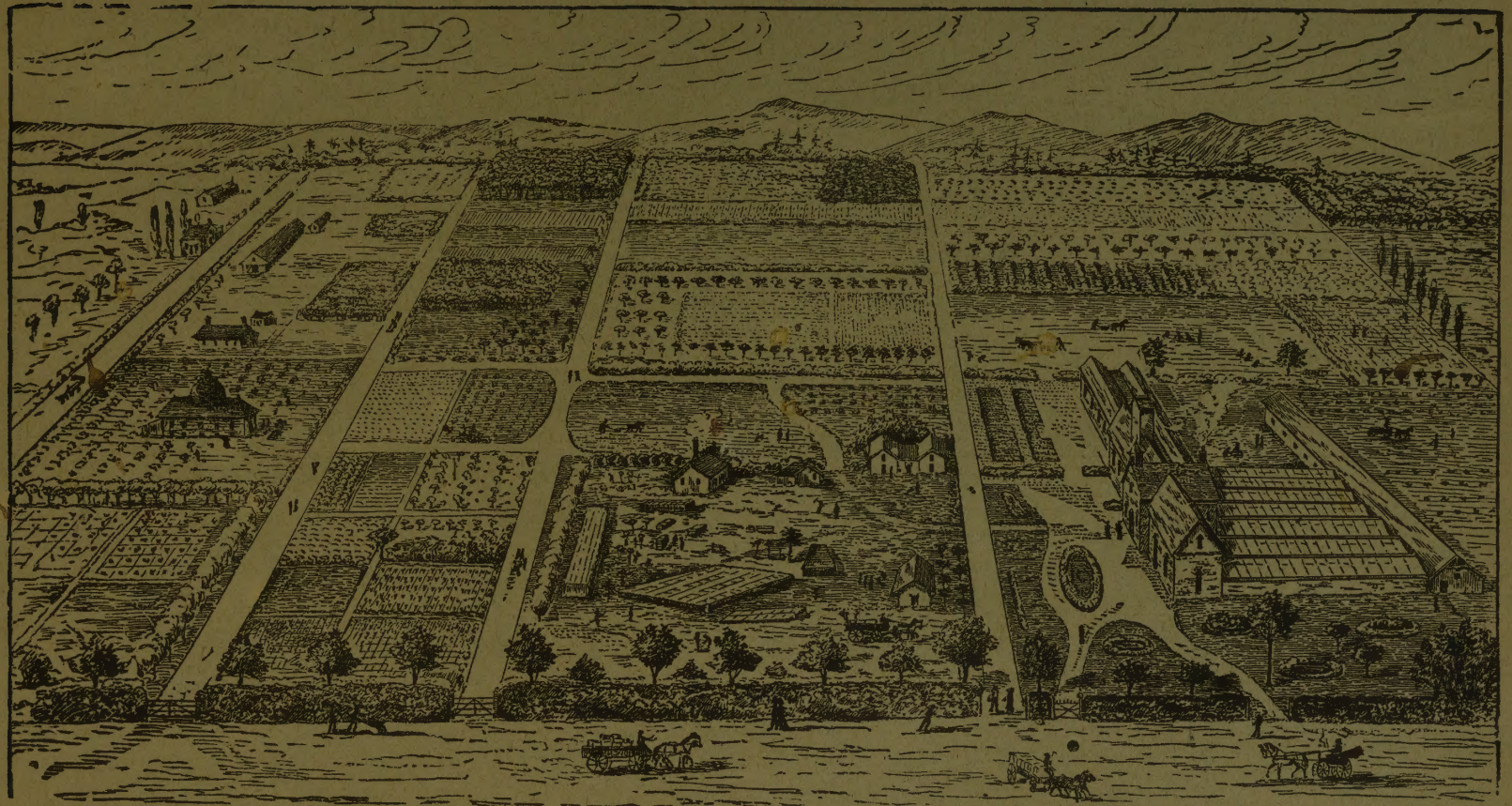
The nursery stock from Stone & Wellington, proprietors of the Fonthill Nurseries, of Welland County, Ontario, Canada, was the finest ever brought to Grand Island, especially the ornamental trees and shrubs could not be surpassed. Mr. O. H. Jensen, agent for Stone & Wellington, sold a large amount of their stock here last fall, and everybody admitted that the stock was far superior to any other they ever bought before.

Elgin, Ill., Aug. 2nd, 1888.

Stone & Wellington.

Gentlemen,—I purchased some nursery stock of your agent, H. Y. Moore, last spring, and it gave such good satisfaction that I should like a little more this fall or next spring. I had 12 roses, 6 shrubs, 2 Russian apricots and 12 bulbs, and I think they are all alive except one apricot and one rose. If you have an agent in this section would like to have him call on me.

Yours truly,
F. H. GILLETTE.



FONTHILL NURSERIES, Situated at Fonthill, Welland County, Ontario, Canada. * **MORRIS, STONE & WELLINGTON, Proprietors.**

E. MORRIS, Manager of Nurseries.

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An exact copy of a photograph of a plant now growing on a residence, covering a space about 25 by 30 feet.

Beautiful Everywhere, Perfectly Hardy. A Grand Climber.

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...OSTON, or JAPANESE IVY.

ONE of the finest things among new Climbers. Leaves much smaller than the common Virginia Creeper, and as they overlap one another they form a dense sheet of glossy green, which turns to a brilliant crimson in Autumn.

It grows very rapidly, and its peculiarity is that it **CLINGS TO ANY SURFACE WITHOUT SUPPORT**—either brick, stone or wood can be perfectly covered by it in a short time.

UNSIGHTLY BUILDINGS MADE A CHANGING PICTURE OF BEAUTIFUL GREEN.

From the New York Evening Post.

"The criticism is sometimes made that the Ampelopsis or Japanese Ivy is a detriment to the house over which it climbs. This is disputed by authorities, who say that on the contrary it is of actual value to the building, and adds to its healthfulness, because it attracts moisture which would otherwise be absorbed by the brick or stone to which it clings. As it requires practically no care after it is once started, the question arises why it would not be possible to transform with it some of the ugly business buildings in the city. Over in Brooklyn, the courtyard of a bank is covered with a velvet turf. The yard is shut in on one side by the solid brick wall of the next building, which is of a common, ugly architecture. This blank wall was first painted white, but its glare was unpleasant to the bank people, who had to look out at it, and a few years ago ivy was planted at its base. To-day, it is a changing picture of beautiful green, from the tender tint of the first awakened shoots in early April, to the glossy richness of the dark shade of late autumn. On a breezy day, the fluttering of its leaves shows rhythmic waves of verdure; the sunlight glances through it in artistic silhouette, the rain plays upon it, brightening and freshening it, and working out odd designs. There is no moment of any day that this great green screen is not offering some attraction to the eyes lifted from rows of figures. Many of the factory buildings along the water-front might well take on such easily acquired beauty, and make their bare wall-spaces a charm instead of an eyesore to all beholders."

From the Rural New Yorker, June 3d, 1899.

"How the Japan species came to be called the Boston ivy is because the Bostonians were the first to appreciate its value for covering brick and stone houses. It is probably, employed more in Boston than in any other American city, though New York, in its upto[wn] ...tial quarters, is not far behind. We believe it was first imported from Japan by the Veitches, of E... ...out 1868, and in 1870 it was catalogued in this country. We feel that we are quite safe in saying ... ...is no other vine that will so completely change the appearance of walls, dead trees, fences, rocks o... ...k, etc., from forbidding objects to objects of rare beauty as the Boston ivy, or effect the change in so s... ...e, for its growth is of surprising rapidity. Our native Virginia creeper is inferior to the Boston cree... ...t the leaves of the latter overlap one another like the shingles of a roof, forming a mass of rich, lustro... ...eaves that help to shed the rain which would otherwise penetrate the bricks, stones or wood, and c... ...e or less dampness. It clings with great tenacity by its foot-like tendrils, so that neither wind nor stor... ...etaches it from the object to which it has become attached. The spread of this vine, from a single root ...ost incredible, covering in one case that the writer has in mind, no less than 3,000 square feet.

This plant covers the entire side wall of a brick h... ...upper New York, where the area in which it grows, as well as the sidewalk and street, are entirely ...ed with flags and asphalt. The "opening" in which it is planted is only one foot in diameter. Wh... ...me the moisture and food to support this breadth of leaves, stems and tendrils? Perhaps like aerial orc... ...e Boston ivy has the power of living upon the air. Of the many merits of this vine, not the least is ... ...arely dies or, from any cause, is killed out in patches. Insects do not harm it. When growing over... ...ont of houses, the ivy is cut out to conform to the windows so that, otherwise, the house-front seems a ... mass of delicate, glossy, exuberant, refreshing foliage.

In the Fall, no other vine, tree or shrub whatever, ...es to more glowing contrast of crimson, orange, yellow and green.

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STONE & WELLINGTON,

TORONTO, ONTARIO.

READ! CONSIDER!! ACT!!!

OUR STOCK HAS STOOD THE TEST OF YEARS.

THIS IS WHAT OUR PATRONS THINK OF OUR STOCK.

Bothwell, Sept 14th, 1891.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIRS,—I am well pleased with the 700 apple trees I purchased of you in the spring. They are all fine, nice trees, and considering the dry season, have done remarkably well. I consider them the finest lot of trees ever shipped to this locality.

(Sgd.) FRANK MOORE.

Chateauguay, Que., July 5th, 1892.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIRS,—The apple trees I bought from you have given complete satisfaction. I recommend them as superior to all trees I ever purchased from other companies.

(Sgd.) W. DESPARIOS, Prop. of Orchards.

Toronto, July 14th, 1892.

I have bought from the Fonthill Nurseries, about 1,000 pear and 400 apple trees. They are all very fine stock and have given entire satisfaction. I have been buying from this firm for the last ten years, and have found them a very satisfactory firm to deal with.

(Sgd.) W. J. HUGHES.

Lancaster, N. H., Dec. 21st, 1892.

This is to certify that the stock bought from Messrs. Stone & Wellington has proved to be as represented in every particular. One of the Russian trees sent me in the spring of 1890 bore nine fine apples.

(Sgd.) W. G. BAKER.

Granville Ferry, N. S., Nov. 15th, 1892.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—Everyone to whom I delivered stock for you this fall, is highly pleased. It is the finest they ever saw.

(Sgd.) R. SHAFFNER.

Milby, P.Q., May 18th, 1893.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Montreal, Que.

DEAR SIRS,—As regards the nursery stock I have just received from you, they in every way meet my satisfaction, both apple and plum trees, (570 apples and 24 plums). Any friends of mine requiring stock, I shall not hesitate to advise to apply to you, as supplying the best and handsomest.

I am, sirs,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) RICHARD URWICK.

Norway, Ont., May 25th, 1893.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—I desire to testify to the good quality of your stock. Trees purchased of other nurseries of some repute, and who make great claims for their stock, have failed entirely, while all stock purchased of you has given every satisfaction. I can recommend your firm as deserving to lead the nursery industry of Canada.

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd.) JOHN WEAR.

Kingfield, Me., May 20th, 1893.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Montreal.

The fifty trees came all right, and I am well satisfied with them.

Respectfully,

W. C. CURTIS.

Welland, January 13th, 1885.

C. H. WILLIAMS, Michigan.

DEAR SIR,—I could not say anything too commendatory of the Fonthill Nurseries. I live within a few miles of them and go to see them repeatedly. They are managed with great prudence and success. The stock is first-class and the management is in every way satisfactory. I am satisfied you will never regret placing fullest confidence in whatever representations Messrs. Stone & Wellington may make.

Yours, etc.,

R. HARCOURT, M.A., M.P.P.

Toronto, May 17th, 1893.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I reside near the Fonthill Nurseries, situate in the Township of Pelham, in the County of Welland, and am thus able to speak very confidently concerning them. Their prosperity was never in question under the present management, and during recent years they have greatly grown and developed in volume of business and general attractiveness. This great growth and expansion surprise no one who has a personal acquaintance with the locality or the proprietors. The locality has, as results have amply shown, proved to be exceptionally well adapted for nursery requirements. Mr. Morris, who gives personal attention to the practical work of the nurseries, and Mr. Wellington, who devotes himself largely to its financial affairs and who has practical knowledge as well, are men of unquestioned integrity, wide practical knowledge and great business ability. They have in their long list of employees several men, who by their tact, industry and ability would make any business successful. I repeat therefore, that it is no wonder that the Fonthill Nurseries have grown year by year in public esteem.

RICHARD HARCOURT,

Treasurer, Province of Ontario.

Port Robinson, Ont., Jan. 15th, 1884.

MR. C. H. WILLIAMS.

DEAR SIR,—Yours of the 8th inst. to hand, asking for information concerning Morris, Stone & Wellington's Nurseries, of Fonthill.

As agent of the Grand Trunk Railway at Port Robinson Station, where the nursery do most of their shipping, I must say to you in referring to my "Freight Forwarding" book, I find that they shipped the past year, twenty-seven (27) full cars of trees in the spring, and nineteen (19) full cars in the fall, to all parts of the continent, and some going even to Russia. Besides these there were a large quantity of shipments in less than car load l ts. I am told also that they ship large quantities by the M. C. Ry., from Welland Station.

As to honor and integrity, I have found them unimpeachable as regards these qualities in all my dealings with them.

Personally, I am able to speak of the quality of their fruit. Every Spring and Fall for the past seven years, I have planted more or less of their trees and vines, and always with first-class success as to growth and invariably true to variety named. Last Spring I planted 770 grape vines and about 1,000 fruit trees of different varieties. I lost only two of the grapes and about twenty of the trees.

In every way that I have dealt with them I have been amply satisfied.

Yours truly,

GEORGE ELLIOT,

Agt. G. T. Ry., Port Robinson Station.

Port Robinson, May 27th, 1893.

MESSRS STONE & WELLINGTON, Nurserymen, Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—I am pleased to notice the continued and steady increase in your shipments of Nursery Stock from this station. From my freight books **I see that you shipped in the Fall of 1892, thirty-five cars, besides a good many local boxes. This Spring (1893) your shipments exceeded sixty cars, besides about 300 boxes that were billed separately to local stations.** These shipments are more than double what they were a few years ago. This certainly must be very gratifying to yourselves, as the fruits of your business skill and energy. I know the increase is quite satisfactory to the Grand Trunk Railway Co., for your business is quite remunerative to them. I could not help but notice this difference, that a few years ago six teams did all your hauling. One morning this Spring I counted a procession of **twenty-three teams (23)** with their wagon loads of boxes of trees, in our station yard and the street outside, wai ing to be unloaded. May such prosperity still be yours.

I am, yours truly,

GEORGE ELLIOT, Agt. G. T. Ry.

TESTIMONIALS.

SHORT AND CRISP.

Listowel, Ont., May 8th, 1893.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIRS,—The nursery stock ordered of you arrived in good order and gives entire satisfaction.

(Sgd.) J. PHILP, Deliveryman.

Carlisle, Ont., May 11th, 1893.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIRS,—The stock supplied by your firm has given complete satisfaction to the buyers.

(Sgd.) D. McNIVEN, Deliveryman.

Brighton, May 5th, 1893.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIRS,—The trees we purchased from you this spring are all that could be desired. They are fine looking, healthy and thrifty.

(Sgd.) W. H. POWERS,
JAS. McLAUGHLEN.

Harwich, May 2nd, 1893.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIRS,—I have made a clean delivery of the stock. The trees were very fine and gave good satisfaction.

(Sgd.) DAVID MUCKLE, Deliveryman.

Ivanhoe, Oct. 17th, 1892.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIRS,—The trees opened up nicely. They were the best I ever delivered, and the people are well satisfied.

(Sgd.) W. B. TANNER, Deliveryman.

Listowel, May 13th, 1893.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIRS,—The Honey Locust Hedging I ordered of you to hand in good order. All pronounce it the best ever delivered in this section. I am more than pleased with the plants. I would recommend any person who may require a hedge of this kind to order from you.

(Sgd) W. E. BINNING.

St. Francois Xavier, Man.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIRS,—The apple trees I got last fall have kept green to the last inch of the branches. The Vladimer cherries have wintered remarkably well, not even one-half inch being frozen back.

(Sgd.) M. E. McBEATH.

Brighton, Ont., May 3rd, 1893.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIRS,—We have seen the stock supplied by you this spring. Never saw better, thriftier looking or handsomer trees, and all well rooted.

(Sgd.) GEO. D. SOLOMAN,
R. O. MORROW,
G. L. REDDICK.

Rankin, July 11th, 1892.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

GENTLEMEN,—The trees I bought of you last fall were delivered this spring in first-class order. They are by far the best I ever got from any firm. I therefore double my order this summer for fall.

(Sgd.) JNO. W. WILBERFORCE.

Kingfield, Me., May 20th, 1893.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Montreal.

The trees you sent are looking fine, I am well pleased with them.

Respectfully,

GEORGE K. RICHARDS.

AND MANY MORE.

...WE LEAD THE TRADE OF CANADA IN THIS LINE...

OUR NEW OFFICES.

Owing to our steadily increasing business, due principally to the superior line of stock we deliver, and the large force of salesmen we have been enabled to secure, through the reputation of our house for being the foremost in this industry on the Continent, we have been obliged to secure more commodious quarters.

After careful consideration, we have secured five magnificent large offices in the Gooderham Building, corner of Wellington and Front Streets, (entrance 49 Wellington St. East), as most likely to fill our requirements, and with our increased office staff, we shall now be better prepared to reach even further, and to give better attention to our customers and their wants, personally seeing that only the choicest stock to be grown is used in filling their orders, and that only stock suitable to the locality is selected, and to give more careful attention to our salesmen.

Many new features have been added, so that every man on our force may depend upon prompt and cordial treatment, and the full benefit of the experience of our force of correspondents.

TIME IS MONEY.

In order to carry on the business in a manner satisfactory to our patrons as well as to ourselves, it is necessary we should be in close touch with our salesmen. It is therefore our aim to station a suitable representative in the different districts of Canada, so that he may be right on the ground prepared to cater to the wants of all in this line. This necessitates prompt action on the part of the applicant, for when we have your name in consideration, we also fix in our mind's eye a point we desire covered by you; consequently if delays are caused, they often prove dangerous in this connection. *We would therefore respectfully ask every applicant to give us a prompt reply*, that we may deal expeditiously with every case.

YOU DEAL WITH PRINCIPALS.

In corresponding with us, you deal directly with the HEAD OFFICE. Mr. Wellington is located here, so that any advice tendered you will come from headquarters, and any information asked will be promptly given, and your best interests always considered, when advising you in any and all matters.

COME WITH US TO STAY.

Many advertisements are scattered broadcast throughout the land, calling for Agents, but a large percentage of these promise but temporary employment. When we secure a salesman, we aim from the first to make him feel he has a direct interest in the business, that in serving us he serves his own best ends, and that he shares with us in the profits. Ours is a great co-partnership enterprise, in which employer and employee join hands. If you cast in your lot with us we assure you of a permanent situation and a steady income if you are capable of doing the work.

LOCATION OF OUR NURSERIES.

Situated as they are in the Niagara Peninsula, we are sheltered from the severity of the Canadian climate, and it is by this favorable location—the best on the Continent of North America—that we are enabled to furnish superior and well grown hardy Canadian stock. The nurseries are always open to inspection, and our Mr. Edward Morris, managing partner, who resides at the nurseries and personally superintends the growing of all stock, will deem it a pleasure to show visitors the many points of interest to be found on our 700 acres under cultivation. We welcome you not only to our nurseries but to our Toronto offices. You will always be met with a cheery word, and although seldom with time to spare, we can always afford an interview with our salesman: those who contemplate engaging with us or those who desire advice relative to the proper varieties for planting in their district. A personal interview is solicited when in the vicinity of Fonthill or the Queen City.

BRANCHES:
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MADISON, WIS.
LEWISTON, ME.
VICTORIA, B. C.

STONE & WELLINGTON,

TORONTO, ONT.

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HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY RAISE

CURRANTS, BERRIES & GRAPES

CURRANTS.

Plant 4 feet apart, 4 feet between the rows; 2500 plants to the acre.

The Currant is one of the easiest Fruits to grow, giving crops even when entirely neglected and yet few fruits repay rich culture so well, under favorable circumstances. Single globes of the Cherry and Versailles varieties have measured 1¼ inches around, and those of the Lees Prolific even larger.

The plants do well on all soils. The richer the ground the heavier will be the crops of berries; their size will also be increased.

Mulching.—Coarse manure, cut grass, marsh hay, straw, cornstalks, pine needles, leaf mould or leaves, should be applied at least two inches thick, and one foot wide on each side of the plants, while it is better if possible to have it twice as thick, and two or three feet wide; mulching is necessary in the north only upon very dry soils, or in dry seasons.

Pruning and Hardiness.—The vigor of the plants may be kept up for many years by cutting out all old canes that show signs of failing, and in annually cutting back or thinning out the young shoots, one-third or one-half. This pruning may be done in October or November or during the Winter, or before growth commences in the Spring, and will be found to greatly add to the size of the Fruit and to the productiveness of the plants.

Destroying the Currant Worm.—This is easily destroyed by mixing a spoonful of pulverized white Hellebore (a poison—and which can be obtained in any drug store for 10 or 15 cents per pound) in a pailful of water, and sprinkling the bushes upon which the worms appear. Another method is to mix a spoonful of kerosene or coal oil with a gallon of strong soap suds or water, and sprinkle it over the bushes with a whisk broom. Another plan for destroying the worms is to make a mixture of half a pailful of wood ashes, and one pint each of powdered hellebore and flour of sulphur, and dust it lightly over the worms while the foliage is damp. It is said that dry wood ashes alone, or soot, will also destroy them.

Due care should be taken not to apply the solutions too strongly or too frequently, and not to use any poisonous preparations when the Fruit is large or ripening. The worms appear on the *underside* of the leaves, and the secret of success is in applying the solution *as soon as* the worm appears. Two or three applications during a season are usually sufficient.

Yield and Profits.—Average yield, 150 bushels per acre.
Average price, three to five dollars per bushel.

The bushes commence bearing the second year after planting and increase in yield as they grow larger.

Moore's Ruby, Fay's Prolific, Cherry, White Grape, La Versailles, Victoria, Lee's Prolific and **Black Champion** are esteemed as decidedly the best currants, and as market fruits there is nothing more profitable.

Lee's Prolific (Black).—This is as great an improvement on Black Naples as that variety was on Black English. The fruit is of the best quality; bunch large and long; berry large and the bush very productive, rendering it valuable as a market variety, and it is now claimed by some growers that their black currants bring double the price in the New York market that the red and white do. In this country people are just becoming acquainted with the many uses black currants can be put to. There is no more delicious and healthful drink for the sick than is made from black currant jam or jelly dissolved in water.

MOORE'S RUBY.

The fruit is of large size, next to the Cherry and La Versailles, in that respect, borne on much longer stems, and more abundantly than with the varieties named. The color of the fruit is a beautiful bright red, not quite so dark as the Cherry Currant; ripens at nearly the same time as the Cherry; the flavor is a very agreeable mild acid, somewhat similar to the White Grape, and fully equal to that of any variety with which we are acquainted.

Black Champion.—The finest black currant. Many of the berries are so large as to be taken for medium sized grapes. The bunches are very long, and the flavor of the fruit particularly luscious and delicate. Another important feature is its robust habit and power of resisting drouth. It is the longest and latest hanging variety in cultivation.

RASPBERRIES.

Plant 4 to 7 feet apart, 3 to 4 feet between the rows; 2000 plants to the acre.

The Raspberry is one of our most popular fruits, and being very easily grown, is destined to be still more widely planted as the superior qualities of some of the newer sorts become more generally known. There are, perhaps, none of the smaller fruits that give a larger share of unalloyed enjoyment than does this. Besides the pleasure that the berries give in adding to the variety of our tables, either as picked and eaten when fresh and sparkling with drops of dew, or as they come icy cold from the refrigerator or icehouse during the hot days of summer, they are also said to be especially beneficial to those who are suffering from rheumatism or gout, as they seem to be possessed of considerable medicinal properties. The mild acid of the fruit is not very liable to undergo fermentation in the stomach, and, consequently, proves an agreeable and healthful fruit to nearly all who use it in moderate quantities. In the form of raspberry vinegar or syrup, or in the making of preserves, tarts, ices and jellies, the fruit proves, also, exceedingly welcome at other seasons of the year.

Soils.—Though the raspberry can be grown on almost any soil, yet to grow the berries in their greatest perfection, it is well, when practicable, to select such soils as are best adapted to the plants. A rich, gravelly soil, or a good moist loam, are perhaps most generally acceptable to the raspberry. The plants also do well on sandy loams, especially if deep, and will ripen their fruit some days earlier on such soils. It is not advisable to plant the red varieties on hard clay lands, as only moderate crops can thus be obtained; nor should they be planted on low, wet soils that are under water in winter. The black varieties, however, are more easily suited, and give good crops (but not the best) even on hard clay or wet soil.

General Directions for Planting.—Though raspberries can be planted on new land or on sod land after the sod has been turned under, yet a plot that has previously been occupied by hoed crops or grain is more desirable and can be easier worked. In planting largely it is usual to run a plow eight or ten inches deep, and to scatter the manure along in the furrows. The roots of the plants should be kept damp while planting, keeping the greater number of the plants covered in a box, wagon or wheelbarrow until needed. The soil can be quickly and easily pulled back into the furrows, in covering the roots, by using a hoe or running a small plow. When planting in limited quantities, then the manure can be spread broadcast before spading or plowing the ground, retaining a portion of the fertilizer for placing above or below the roots of the plants. When using a spade make the holes sufficiently large to allow the roots to be spread out, and place the plants about as deep as they originally had been grown. Unless the soil is wet, it is always well to firm it a little with the foot before filling in the last inch or two of soil.

This "firming" of the soil should also be performed in setting out all other plants or trees, as it greatly assists in retaining the moisture in the soil. In March or April no shading is required for any of the hard-wood plants, and indeed it is seldom needed except when planting late in the Spring, when the plants are out in leaf.

Manures and Fertilizers.—Though old stable manure is, perhaps, the best for general use, yet there are quite a number of other fertilizers that can be used to good advantage. On clayey loams, or heavy soils, fresh stable manure will help to make the soil more arable and easier to cultivate. On light soils or sandy loams good barnyard manure is probably the best, as it is less heating than that from the stable. Decomposed sods and muck are both good for nearly all fruits, and especially if left exposed to the action of the frost in a barnyard during the winter. Leaf-mold or soil from the woods is also an excellent assistant. Bone-dust or ground bone, or guano or hen manure, at the rate of from 500 to 1,000 pounds to the acre, may be applied *broadcast*, and harrowed in, or placed on the surface before hoeing or cultivating. Wood ashes applied on the surface in spring or summer, and afterwards worked in, are excellent for all fruits. When stable manure is scarce or high priced, it is cheaper and easier to use some of these concentrated fertilizers instead, and even when the manure is easily obtained, we would prefer to use a combination of manure, bone-dust and wood ashes, not mixing them, but applying them either at the same time, or at different times in the season just before hoeing or cultivating. Salt applied *broadcast* at the rate of from one and a half to three bushels per acre is beneficial. On very rich soil, or on good prairie soils, an application of ground bone and wood ashes will probably be all that will usually be required. Many of the patent fertilizers are good, but should always be spread broadcast and should be used either sparingly or around only a few plants, until their properties are well understood. The pleasure that will be obtained in experimenting with them, will make up for any slight mishaps that may occur.

Hints on Cultivation.—By planting in rows, so as to permit of using horsepower in cultivation, it is possible usually to raise fruit at much less expense, as more work can be accomplished with a plow or cultivator in an hour or two, than a man would complete in two

days. The oftener that newly set plants can be hoed or cultivated the first season, the stronger will be their growth. It is very important that a good start should be obtained, as a plant that is stunted in its growth the first season seldom becomes as vigorous as one that is liberally treated and well cultivated the first year. Good cultivation on some soils will almost take the place of manuring. Most fruit plants will give good crops if only hoed or cultivated once or twice in a season, but to have them grow to perfection, once every three or four weeks is *none too often*. When using a plow around young plants, the soil may first be plowed away from them, and then immediately plowed back again. If in a garden, it may then be smoothed over with a rake or hoe.

In the course of a few weeks, when the weeds commence to grow, the soil may be again stirred with a cultivator or hoe, and afterwards hoed, cultivated, or plowed as often as desired. Frequently, small weeds can be easily smothered or destroyed by covering them with an inch or two of soil, and allowing it to remain for two or three weeks, or until the next hoeing. The ground should always be kept as nearly level as possible, except where the soil is very wet, or where surface drainage is desired.

Cultivation after the First Season.—In March or April, after the weeds commence to grow, the plow may be run between the rows, if the ground is suitable. Among raspberries, blackberries and grape vines, it should be run quite shallow, as the roots usually extend nearer the surface of the ground. All weeds or refuse matter should then be carefully hoed out from among the plants, and either carried away or scraped into the furrows made by the plow, to be afterwards smothered or covered with soil. The plants may then be hoed or cultivated at intervals until in blossom, when all cultivation should cease until after the fruit is picked. Currants and gooseberries may be cultivated all the second summer, as they do not usually come into bearing much until the second or third year after planting. As blackberries do not blossom until after raspberries, they can also be cultivated later. On this account it is better, when using horsepower in cultivation, to place these different fruits either in separate rows, or in parts of the same rows by themselves. However, when not convenient this need not be done, as it makes very little difference, especially after the second season.

Summer Pruning.—The first season only two or three raspberry shoots or canes should be allowed to grow up from each hill; any others should be hoed down the same as weeds, where fruit is the object. In June, July and August, or as soon as the canes reach a height of from two to three feet, the tops should be pinched off or broken off with the thumb and finger. The more vigorous shoots may be allowed to grow to even three feet in height, if desired. If this summer pruning should be neglected the first year until the canes have grown quite tall, then it is probably best not to cut them back quite so far. A knife or shears will sometimes be required where there is much of growth to be taken off.

This pinching off of the canes causes them to send out lateral shoots, so that nearly double the crop can be obtained by doing so. Where these lateral shoots have made a growth of a foot from the canes, they can be pinched off, causing them to put out new laterals. This second heading back may be deferred until early in spring, when desired. When treated in this way the plants become quite strong and stocky, and are enabled to withstand ordinary winds, and to hold up their fruit without the assistance of stakes. After the first year raspberries need not be pinched off until the canes are from three to three and a half feet high. Some of the laterals, growing nearly upright, afterwards give a height to the plants of from four to five feet which is high enough.

Winter Pruning.—This should be done, when the Winter is over. All the old canes, or such as had fruit upon them, should be cut out at this pruning, as fruit is only produced on raspberry or blackberry canes of the previous year's growth. With a pair of pruning shears and thick gloves this part can be easily done; or a short briar hook on a long handle can be used.

In pruning the bearing canes in spring, the laterals should be cut back to within about a foot of the main stems, or when the tips are frozen, to a point back of where they have been winter killed. The frozen canes are usually of a different color from the rest of the wood.

Mulching.—Use same means, as advised for currants. Boards or pieces of boards placed along the rows, or a few large flat stones placed by the plants, sometimes assist greatly in keeping the soil moist underneath, and consequently assist in obtaining large and finer berries. Mulching should be done in May or June.

The Raspberry Rust.—The Raspberry is affected by very few diseases, and of these the "rust" is about the only one of any importance. By using a little watchfulness and care, it can easily be stamped out, but if too long neglected, it will destroy entire plantations of raspberries and blackberries. The "rust" (*aregma bulbosum*) is a bright golden or orange red fungus (some times turning black), that forms on the under sides of the leaves, causing them to curl or shrivel up. The plants, when affected, soon lose their vigor, and become useless for fruiting.

The surest method to crush out the disease is to at once dig up all the plants affected, and burn both root and branch. If removed while the foliage is damp, the "rust" will be less likely to shake off and spread to other bushes. No other raspberry or blackberry plant should be planted in the same place until nearly a year has elapsed. A top-dressing of lime is said to hasten the purification of the ground.

Where only a portion of a plant is affected by the rust, then it may prove effectual to cut out such branches, and try some of the above experiments for driving the disease out of the plant and from the soil.

Winter Protection.—In localities or gardens that are exposed to sweeping winds, or where the plants have not properly matured in the fall, there it is often necessary to cover varieties that are usually considered nearly hardy. However, quite hardy varieties often give enough finer fruit to pay for any little trouble that may be required in covering them.

Bend the canes to the grouud, and cover the tops or the entire canes with 2 to 4 inches of soil. By using a digging fork or weight to keep the canes in place, it is possible for a man (small *boys* will answer) to cover quite a plot in an hour or two.

When giving winter protection, the plants may be pruned in the Fall, instead of in the

spring, as they will then require less covering. They should not be uncovered, in the Spring until all danger from cold winds is past, or until about the time that the buds commence to swell. Mulching the ground in Winter is often practiced, even when the canes themselves are not covered.

Yield and Profits.—The raspberry is one of the most profitable of fruits to grow, and, when suitable kinds are selected, pays very handsomely. In the Boston, New York and Philadelphia markets, good berries frequently sell at 25 cents a quart, at which times it is no unusual thing for a good sized one-horse load of berries to sell from $100 to $200. The average price of recent years, in New York city, has been from 10 to 15 cents a quart, or from $3 to $5 per bushel. Sometimes a little lower, and at other times considerably higher, for large or early berries.

The average yield of the red varieties is about 2,000 quarts per acre, or from 50 to 60 bushels. Black caps range in yield from 50 to 150 per bushels to the acre. Some of the red varieties have been known to produce at the rate of two or three times these figures. The average profits are about $150 per acre; oftener the profits are about $100 per acre, but it is no unusual thing to have the fruit sell at from $200 to $400 per acre, and at times even higher figures are attained.

Seldom is there a village or town to be found in which there is an over supply of this fruit, and as the raspberry is an annual bearer, and an easy fruit to grow, it proves one of the best in furnishing a steady income. Where space is limited they can be planted along the fences, thus requiring no stakes; or placed in tree rows, where a partial shade is often a benefit instead of an objection. A few plants scattered around in the garden, and yielding from ten to seventy-five cents worth of fruit per plant, will furnish spending money that will no doubt prove acceptable to either the young folks or their elders.

Directions for Obtaining a Crop in the Fall.—By selecting some autumnal bearing variety like the Henrietta, it is possible to obtain a fine crop during the fall months. Raspberries, at this time of the year, are often sold at from 20 to 40 cents a quart in the large markets, owing to their scarcity. The method to be followed is very simple, and consists merely in cutting off all the canes early in the spring, at from three to six inches out of the ground, and giving good cultivation or mulching during the spring or summer.

Only the strongest of the new shoots coming up should be left (from four to six canes to a hill), and on these a fine crop can be obtained in August, September, or October. A smaller crop can be obtained in July, also in the fall, by merely allowing the plants to grow naturally like other raspberries, thinning out the smaller canes when too thick.

In Raspberries, **Hilborn, Golden Queen, Cuthbert, Souhegan, Shaffer's Colossal, Hansell, Turner, Gregg, Mammoth Cluster,** are the best for general culture, and prices are such as to bring them within the reach of all.

Hilborn.—It will average larger than any black cap, with perhaps the single exception of Gregg: jet black, very productive and of better quality than any other black cap we have seen. It begins to ripen about two days later than Tyler or Souhegan, and continues later than most sorts. It is a good strong grower, with but few thorns, and as hardy as any variety grown by us.

Cuthbert.—The canes, in addition to being hardy, are of tall, vigorous growth enormously productive. Berries very large, measuring three inches round (an occasional one being found that will measure three and one-fourth inches), conical, rich crimson, very handsome, and so firm that it can be shipped hundreds of miles by rail in good condition. The flavor is simply remarkable, being rich, sweet and luscious, *best*—the only *firm* raspberry we have yet seen that was not decidedly inferior in this respect. It commences to ripen moderately early and holds out until all others are gone.

Hansell.—One of the earliest and most desirable of Red Raspberries; color bright scarlet; quality excellent; very productive, and fine shipper. Its great earliness causes it to bring the highest price in market.

Gregg.—One of the largest, and most prolific Black Caps that we have ever seen, far surpassing in size the famed Mammoth Cluster, averaging when grown side by side with the same treatment, from one-third to one-half larger.

Golden Queen.—A seedling of or a "sport" from the Cuthbert, found growing in a field of that variety in 1882; equal to that noble berry in every respect, of plant growth, vigor, hardiness and productiveness, but of rich creamy yellow color, and even better quality than Caroline, thought by some to be better than Brinkle's Orange, thus making *one of the most perfect berries for the family garden.*

Shaffer's Colossal.—A wonderful grower, hardy, prolific, does not sucker, roots from tips—same as black caps; berry very large, firm, excellent color, dark red. Promises to excel for canning, and is hard to beat for table.

Souhegan.—This new Black Cap is evidently a seedling of Doolittle and a variety of the most positive value. It is the most prodigious bearer of any, of excellent quality, jet shining black, *without bloom*, and large. Added to these valuable qualities it is iron-clad in hardiness and *extremely early*, being a week or ten days earlier than the Doolittle. In the same rows with Doolittle's improved and the Gregg, the former was injured badly and the latter killed to the snow line, while the Souhegan (spelled Skowhegan by some) was not hurt, and produced an enormous crop, which sold quickly at high prices. The Souhegan originated ten years ago or more—hence it has been thoroughly tested—and has brought itself to notice entirely by its persistent merits. It has never rusted or shown any disease or weakness in the slightest degree, and taken all in all, it is much the most desirable black raspberry that has yet appeared—the Gregg not accepted—either for market or the home garden. A fruit so early—ripening as it does in advance of all other kinds—so large and good, so healthy and wonderfully productive must be of the greatest value to all.

BLACKBERRIES.

Plant 6 to 8 feet apart, 4 to 5 feet between the rows; 1500 plants to the acre.

The blackberry is grown throughout the length and breadth of this country. The fruit ripens here in July and August, succeeding most of the varieties of raspberries. Some of the finer kinds produced berries from an inch to an inch and a half long, and prove a great addition to the appearance of the fruit-dish. Their rich, pleasant flavor makes them a favorite with nearly every one, and especially when brought icy-cold from the refrigerator.

Planting and Cultivation.—Being of a more vigorous growth than the raspberry, the rows or hills in which they are planted should be placed a foot or two further apart. Very little manure is needed by them after the first year, as they give better crops and prove more hardy when the ground is only moderately rich. Hoed crops may be planted between the rows the first year or two. The same suggestions, given under the head of raspberries, about "soils," "summer and spring pruning," "rust," hoeing off of suckers, and "fall planting," apply also to the blackberry, except that, in "summer pruning," the plants need not be "pinched in" quite so close.

Hardiness and Winter Protection.—Some varieties are sufficiently hardy to withstand the winters of Canada without protection. Other varieties are made more hardy by summer pruning, or by omitting, after the second year, all cultivation after the time of blossoming; or if cultivating after the time of fruiting, to cultivate at *regular* intervals every week or two. Cultivating only in the spring is the safer method, usually mowing down the weeds or scraping the ground with a hoe, when necessary. Later in the season, where it is desired to cover half-hardy varieties, the canes may be left unpruned during the summer, so as to obtain a more slender growth; or else the soil may be dug away from one side of the plants, and the canes more easily bent over and tops covered.

Yield and Profits.—Requiring but little manure, and being as easily grown as a field of corn, the blackberry proves one of the most profitable of fruits. The yield per acre is usually from sixty to one hundred bushels, though, at times, one hundred and fifty bushels have been obtained. The price, in some markets, average twenty cents per quart, and in others, twelve and fifteen cents. Some plantations yield fruit for from twenty to thirty years, giving an income of from $100 to $400 per acre. At times, $500 worth of fruit has been obtained to the acre. Berries from the south have, sometimes, sold in the Philadelphia and New York markets as high as fifty cents per quart. At the north, forty plants have been known to yield fully eight bushels of fruit. They will give a nice little income to children when planted along fences, even if uncultivated after the first year. When grown in a grass-sod they often are very hardy, and quite productive.

The Snyder.—A *marvel for productiveness:* fruit medium size, sweet and melting to the core. *Its value is its extreme hardiness, standing the winters in those sections where the* Kittatinny, Lawton and Dorchester kill down.

Taylor's Prolific.—A large fruit; melting, without core, and very productive, and equally as hardy and productive as the Snyder, wherever tried.

Gainor.—New and choice. For description, &c., see our specialty circular.

Erie.—The only large blackberry with an iron-clad cane. In addition to great hardihood and colossal size, it is among the first to ripen, of strong growth, very vigorous, and exceedingly prolific. Not only desirable for the home garden, but the best and most profitable of all blackberries for market growing.

GOOSEBERRIES.

Plant 4 feet apart 4 feet between rows; 2500 plants to the acre.

The Gooseberry, when given proper care, will prove both popular and profitable. The fruit in a green state is often in great demand in the markets, and is used in quite large quantities for making up into tarts, pies, preserves, etc. When ripe, and eaten fresh from the ice-box, the berries prove very tempting and delicious. The use of thick gloves, in picking, prevents any injury to the hands from thorns.

Soils and Planting.—The gooseberry requires about the same treatment as the currant, and the same suggestions as to planting, cultivation, mulching, pruning, currant worms, manuring and hardiness will equally well apply to it. A rich moist (not wet) loam is probably the best soil for it, if a selection can be made.

Prevention of Mildew.—The American varieties, like the Downing, Smith's Improved and Houghton, are seldom affected, and in many gardens are entirely free from attacks of mildew. When it is feared, it is well to set out the bushes where they will be shaded during

the heat of the day. Liberal manuring each fall or spring, and careful pruning, so as to keep the branches six inches apart, is usually effective. Artificial shade, or the training of running beans or vines over the plants, is often an effectual preventative. In gardens where the mildew appears, the crop can sometimes be saved by sprinkling the bushes with weak lime water, and at the same time scattering sulphur, lime and salt upon the ground, underneath the branches, giving a pint of the mixture to about every three large bushes.

Heavy mulching, if the ground is well underdrained, is often a benefit to the gooseberry, increasing the size of the fruit, and preventing it from falling off. Coal ashes, applied two inches thick as a mulch, is an easy way of accomplishing the same ends. Liquid manure, poured frequently around the roots, assist in increasing the size of this, as well as that of other berries. The north side of fences, or of buildings, is often a good location for the bushes, affording shade, and giving later berries.

Profits and Marketing.—The gooseberry is usually sold while green, and in bulk. The fruit ranges in prices at from $1 to $4 a bushel, and as the plants are generally very productive, proves quite a profitable crop. Sometimes the berries, either when green or ripe, are sold in quart berry baskets, packed in 32-quart crates. The fruit is freed from leaves at times by running it through a fanning mill.

Downing and Smith's Improved Gooseberries.—These are of the best quality, and are *absolutely free from mildew.* They are very productive, and as a market fruit the crops will sell at from $300 to $500 per acre per year. They are excellent for stewing or pies, even when green, and if scalded and put up in fruit jars when fully ripe, they are equally as good as Strawberries for Winter use.

The White Smith and **Crown Bob** are English varieties of large size and fine quality, and can be grown well in this climate by mulching the ground thoroughly and keeping the bushes well pruned and open to sun and air.

Industry.—One of the very best English Gooseberries, fruit large, color dark red, flavor exquisite, an abundant bearer, free from mildew.

Large Golden Prolific Gooseberry.—We believe this gooseberry will lead all other varieties as a productive, hardy market variety. It is the only near approach to the English gooseberries in size, but unlike them is perfectly hardy, has never shown any signs of mildew.

GRAPES.

"Stakes," Plant 6 to 8 feet apart, 6 to 8 feet between the rows; "Trellis," Plant 8 to 16 feet apart 10 to 16 feet between the rows. Number of Vines to the acre: Stakes—700; Trellis—250.

The grape has been grown for at least three or four thousand years; and man in the past, as at present, has rejoiced in being able to "live under his own vines," and to partake of its rich fruits. In nearly all parts of the world it can be grown with ease, and is used in immense quantities, either while fresh or in the dried form as raisins. It is one of the most nutritious of fruits for those in health, while physicians frequently prescribe it to the invalid.

Soils and Planting.—Almost any soil is suitable, if not too wet; warm, deep soils are usually preferred. The vines can be planted at the same time as other fruits, and should be placed in the ground about as deep as they originally grew. Planting in large holes, allowing the roots to be spread out, and with pieces of bones scattered about, will give the best results. Manures or fertilizers should not be placed in contact with the roots, but may either be spaded in previous to planting, or applied just above the roots before filling in all the soil.

Cultivation and Training.—Frequent cultivation is a benefit, as with all other fruits, but need not be so deep for the grape. The first year allow only one cane to grow, training it to a stake, or not as preferred. In the fall, either prune or not, and if in the north, cover with a little soil, or with evergreen boughs, or other course material. The second year in the spring, cut back to three or four buds, or to within two feet of the ground. If covered the previous winter, then it is well not to remove the protection too early. Most persons prefer not to give covering, merely laying the vines down upon the ground, even when quite far north. The second season two shoots only should be allowed to grow, rubbing off all extra buds.

The third season, having pruned these two canes off about four feet from the main stem, fasten them horizontally along the lower railing or wire of a trellis. Leave one shoot to grow upright about every foot, rubbing off the rest. Each fall or spring trim out all laterals, leaving only the two horizontal arms, and the eight or ten uprights. Two years later, and every year thereafter, every second or third upright cane may be cut back to within one bud of the main arms, and thus new wood for fruiting be constantly maintained. Another plan is to allow the canes to grow fan-shaped upon the trellis, renewing some of the canes occasionally by cutting them back. Still another method is to allow three or four upright canes to grow to a stake, cutting one or more of the canes back, near the ground, occasionally, so as to renew the wood.

Summer Pruning and Treatment.—The uprights may be pinched back at the tops

of the stakes or trellises, which are usually made about five feet high. Grape vines make an excellent shade over walks or side doors, in which case the uprights may be allowed to grow more freely. Young shoots from the roots or below the arms should also be removed, unless wanted to renew the main arms. After the fruit has formed, a few of the bunches may be cut out, if too thick or too many for the size of the vine. Thinning out a third or a half of the berries in a cluster—using small, pointed scissors—is often a benefit, making larger berries and finer clusters. Little lateral branches may be pinched back two joints beyond the first, or when too thick remove the smaller ones entirely. This summer care of grape vines is one of the pleasantest occupations for ladies, or other persons who cannot readily perform the heaviest duties of the garden, and many an enjoyable and healthful hour may be thus passed "out in the open air."

Remedies for Mildew.—In some localities it sometimes happens that grape vines are troubled with mildew; but it is not much to be feared by most persons. The usual remedy is to dust the vines, when damp, with powdered sulphur, once every week or two until the fruit commences to color. Another remedy is said to be a solution of sulphate of copper *(blue stone of vitriol)* sprinkled over the vines just before the starting of buds. Another plan is to wash the canes with carbolic acid soap, or a solution of sulphuret of lime, before the buds start.

The "grape rot" may also be prevented by pinning brown paper bags around the bunches about ten days after the fruit has formed. An equally effective method, and one that keeps the color of the grapes better, is to pin thick, *crossbarred* mosquito netting around the clusters, when small, keeping these on also until the close of the season. A board covering, 20 or 24 inches wide, has also proved very effectual. Vines supported on brush, and running close to the ground, are said to be safe from the "rot" or other injuries. To drive off insects or the "grape curculio," it is recommended to wet the vines well (when the fruit is forming), with a mixture of one-quarter pint of kerosene stirred into a pail of water; or to smoke or "smudge" the young clusters by burning gas tar or rags, holding them on the windward side of the vines.

Yield and Profits.—As grape vines do not require usually much manure, the chief expense in connection with a vineyard is the care of the vines and picking the fruit. The yield sometimes reaches four tons of grapes to the acre, but it is better in the end for the vines to limit it to about two tons. The cost of cultivation, training and *picking* is usually from $75 to $400 per acre. The sales per acre range from $125 to $600—the fruit selling at from three to twenty cents a pound, according to the variety, or season, or state of the market.

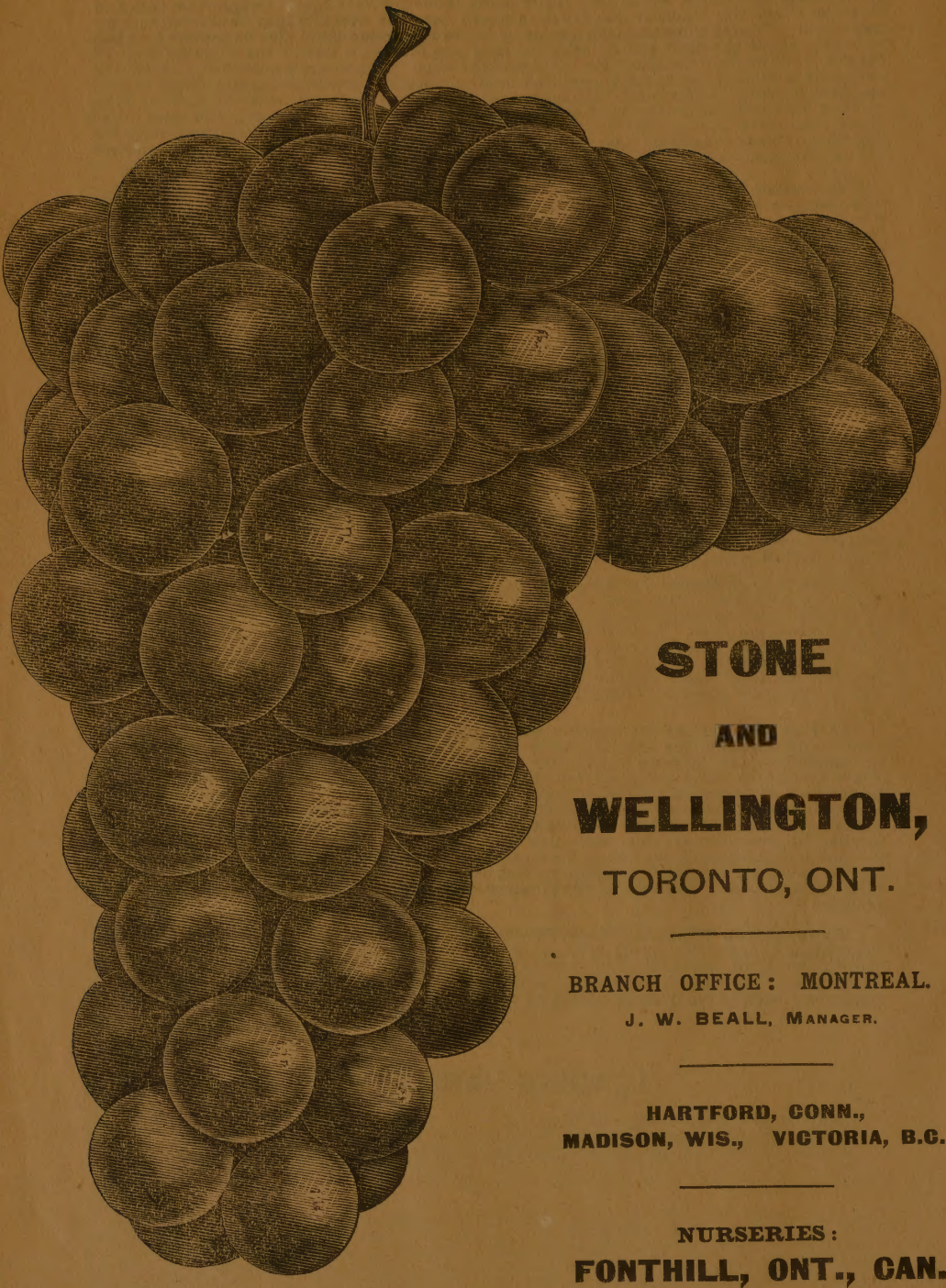
Grapes in Winter.—With a little care, this delicious and healthful fruit may be had upon the table during the most of the months of the year. The Vergennes and Salem are usually the kinds selected for late keeping. Moore's Diamond, Agawam, Wilder, etc., are also good keeping varieties. By carefully picking any of these (not too early in the season), when ripe and dry, and by placing them in a cool (not damp) room, they can usually be kept from two to four months. By placing them in cool rooms, in shallow covered boxes or drawers, between layers of wheat chaff, cut rye straw, baked maple wood or bass wood sawdust, or between layers of paper or cotton, they can be kept sometimes for six or eight months.

Another plan is to cut the bunches with portions of the vine attached, and to hang the bunches up, first applying sealing wax to the ends of the branches. Still another method is to suspend them in the same way, sealing one end of the piece of vine, and keeping the other end in a bottle of water and powdered charcoal. Sometimes the end of the vine is passed through a cork and closely sealed in with wax. Grapes can also be often kept well in the small three or five pound boxes, in which they are sold, or when suspended in shallow market baskets, in a cool room of even temperature. Dipping the ends of the bunches in sealing wax is a benefit, whatever way the grapes may be packed away. Cellars are sometimes too moist, but at other times when dry and cool are excellent for keeping the grapes in. Bruised grapes should be cut out with scissors before putting away. The little care required in some of these methods will soon be forgotten in the pleasure of having *fresh grapes to eat for ten months of the year.*

Pruning and Ripening Late Varieties.—Prune grape vines if possible when the sap is dormant, though light spring pruning is practiced at times even as late as May. Old, unfruitful vines will usually send out new shoots, if cut back in March, within a foot or two of the ground. The time of ripening of late varieties, like the Catawba or Isabella may often be hastened a week or ten days by cutting off one-third or one-half of the clusters, when small.

LEADING VARIETIES.

Red.—Moyer, Roger 3, Roger 9, Brighton.
Black.—Roger 4, Roger 44, Worden, Eaton, Concord.
White.—Northern Light, Moore's Diamond, Empire State, Pocklington, Niagara.



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OUR NEW SPECIALTIES IN PLUMS.

THE SAUNDERS PLUM.

This specialty we consider the most valuable of anything we have been fortunate enough to secure in a number of years. Its extreme hardiness, freedom from Black Knot, immense cropping qualities, and its earliness and fine qualities give it so many points, in fact, all of the points of value, that it is almost beyond price.

The plum originated near Belleville, a region which is really outside of a plum section; that is, where plums succeed without trouble. Other varieties have all failed in the same field; black knot has destroyed them, while this plum has never shown any signs of the disease in any way, although there are about 40 trees in the orchard.

It is perfectly hardy, does not seem to be affected by the winters, and bears annual crops when no other plums in the section will fruit; in fact it is the most wonderful and valuable tree that has ever been originated in Canada or, we believe, in any other section. It is just what we want, and we only regret that we have not got ten times the stock we have.

The fruit is above the medium in size, longish oval, with a distinct suture stem one-half inch long, color bright yellow, with a slight blush where exp[illegible] to the sun. Flesh melting, sweet [illegible]y loosen from the stone. It is one of the first to [illegible]s earlier than Green Gage. grower. It forms a very age a bright green color the season—a very valu-

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grown on the original tree. In my opinion it is the earliest variety I have ever seen, also very attractive in the basket, being full medium size, and a bright yellow color. The tree is not a rapid grower, but hardy, and I have never seen the slightest appearance of black knot on any of the branches. Yours truly,

JOHN GRAHAM.

P.S.—I might say, further, when I received a few scions from the man with whom the tree originated, he told me he could not half supply the demand on the market, as his customers made a regular raid on him for the plum, and I might just use his own words in his enthusiasm, "Ah, John," he said, "it is a grand plum." So that, from what I have seen of the plum, and from the honesty of the man who said it, I can fully endorse his words, that it is a grand plum. J.G.

St. Catharines, Sept. 21st, 1885.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington.

Dear Sirs,—I received the plum called the Saunders, sent me last month, and found the quality good, and from its earliness and the hardiness of the tree, [illegible] will be a great acquisition. Yours truly,

A. M. SMITH, Fruit Grower.

Palmyra, N.Y., 8-29-'85.

Messrs. Stone & Wellington.

Gents,—The plums received, and are exceedingly fine and delicious; in fact as good as any we ever tasted, and if a good bearer, hardy, and as you claim, free from black knot, it is certainly an important acquisition. Yours, &c.,

A. M. PURDY, Fruit Grower.

Plum.—I planted a tree four [illegible] bearing the second year [illegible]me every year since. [illegible]ded. The plum is [illegible]early in August, [illegible]d very juicy.

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Saunders plum last year. It was the *Hanover Post* that spoke so highly of its qualities; but should I be able to get one I will forward it to you. All I have to say is the tree is a thrifty grower, free from black knot, although surrounded with the Lombard plum tree (30 in number), which is subject to the black knot more than any other kind. The fruit is large, with fine flavor. I had a half bushel last year that tipped the scales 8 to the pound. Quite a number was weighed separately, and every one weighed 2 ozs. each; you could not tell any difference they were so much alike. A great many people came to see them. I think it is the best plum around here. Hoping you will strongly recommend it to the public, I remain, Yours truly,

JAMES GREEN.

GRAND DUKE PLUM.

Mr. S. D. Willard, a prominent fruit grower of Geneva, N.Y., says of the Grand Duke plum:

"I have found it productive, unsurpassed in size and style, but ripening somewhat earlier here than in England, and selling in Boston market at a higher price than any other plum we have shipped. We have received as high as $1.50 for 10 lb. baskets. Nothing can present a more attractive appearance than this beautiful fruit when packed for market."

The growing demand in all of our city markets for a *large, late* ripening, fine-style plum has, with the experience of 1892, confirmed me in the opinion entertained for the past two or three years, that these requirements are to be more fully met in the Grand Duke than anything hitherto introduced. It has again shown its disposition to carry a heavy crop of fruit to perfect maturity with entire success, and so far has escaped absolutely from the depredations of black knot on the several hundred trees I now have started in my orchards. There is a great difference in the ability of different varieties to withstand the destructive work of this fungus, and I am inclined to regard this as a sort combining so many desirable qualities that no mistake can be made in planting it for commercial purposes. Respectfully,

S. D. WILLARD.

THE MONTREAL.

This valuable variety was found growing in the grounds of the late Alex. Murray, at Cote St. Antoine, a suburb of Montreal. The tree is a hardy, vigorous grower, and soon forms itself into a handsome, rounded head with conspicuous glossy leaves, and is a good bearer. [illegible] extra large, deep orange yellow with red in the sun, with much resembling the [illegible] Quality very good, last of August or

great number of bees (mainly those commonly known as Yellow Jackets), and their depredations were such that it was necessary to pick them August 18th, when but a small proportion were ripe. From this one little tree we picked 10 pecks of fruit, not to count those which were on two or three small branches which were broken by the wind. The quality of these plums, as the writer and his family estimate them, is excellent. When fully ripe they are full of juice. The flesh is tender and there is mingled with the plum a peach flavor that is refreshing and agreeable."

PRINCE OF WALES.

Round, reddish purple, medium size, tree very hardy, a great bearer. Ripens beginning of September.

MONARCH.

Fruit very large, roundish oval, dark purplish blue, freestone, of excellent quality. Tree robust, and an abundant and early bearer, ripens last of September. Fruit does not crack with heavy rains.

THE FIELD.

Is a seedling of the Bradshaw, ripening about ten days earlier, and of the same size and characteristics as its parent.

THE BURBANK (or Japan Plum).

The tree is a good bearer, and is being planted freely in commercial orchards in some sections. Fruit medium in size, form roundish, conical, tapering towards apex, stem stout, half inch long; color dark red or purplish, running into bright amber with the yellow under-color showing through the patches; skin medium thickness, tender; flesh amber yellow, melting and juicy flavor, rich and sugary, quality best.

At the recent annual meeting of the Western N[illegible] Society, S. D. [illegible] New York Horticultural [illegible] the well-known fruit-grower of Geneva gives a talk on plum culture. Mr. W[illegible] his attention attracted to plum cultur[illegible] ago by the success of the Hudson Rive[illegible] These growers grew immense crops, w[illegible] packed in barrels and shipped [illegible] to New York. These [illegible] from $200 to $[illegible] planted apple o[illegible] planted [illegible] a[illegible]

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Over 700 acres are now under cultivation by us at our fruit farms and nurseries in Welland County, Ont.

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TO give some idea of the amount of Nursery Stock sold by us each year look at the figures below, which show our plantings for the last two seasons.

We have more Stock under cultivation than all the other combined nurseries in the Dominion, and our growing location—in the Niagara Peninsula—is the finest in the world.

Our Spring Planting, 1894.

ONE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY THOUSAND.

Apples,	200,000	Berries,	300,000
Pears,	40,000	Roses,	100,000
Plums,	100,000	Ornamentals,	50,000
Cherries,	40,000		1,130,000
Peaches,	100,000		
Currants,	200,000		

• • • THE largest shipment which has ever left our Nurseries up to the present time, (May 1st, 1895), was made this Spring.

This is one of the many testimonials which bespeak the progress of this industry in Canada.

The following figures will show the increased planting this year in order to prepare for the larger demands made upon us for our Canadian grown stock.

Our Spring Planting, 1895.

ONE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND.

Apples,	300,000	Berries,	400,000
Pears,	50,000	Roses,	150,000
Plums,	160,000	Ornamentals,	50,000
Cherries,	40,000		1,450,000
Peaches,	100,000		
Currants,	200,000		

Perhaps some approximate idea may be formed of the immense correspondence carried on by us, and the routine work necessary in filling our orders, if we call your attention to the number of persons employed on our staff.

We have in all seven managers of different departments.

Eight stenographers are employed all day taking dictation and writing letters.

Four bookkeepers are required to look after agents' accounts, entering of their reports, etc.

Seven clerks are employed writing orders and getting them in shape for shipment at the proper time.

Five foremen look after the large number of employees at the nurseries.

During our packing season from 160 to 200 men are employed.

Our force of salesmen numbers in all about 700 and during the busiest part of the season often reaches 800 or 900 men.

If the reader will bear in mind these few points we think they will grant we are engaged in a great industry and have large interests at stake—too large to sacrifice by sending out anything but the very best stock.

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The King of American Grapes.

Another season's experience confirms and strengthens the entire confidence heretofore expressed that the introduction of this grape marks an epoch in the substantial advancement of American grape culture, not less distinct and important than that which followed the appearance of the Delaware (introduced by Mr. Campbell) or Concord.

It has been very carefully observed and tested more than a dozen years, during which time it has shown no fault, but has exceeded all expectations as to its evident merit and high character.

It is confidently believed to be a grape in all respects better adapted to general use in all sections suited to our native varieties, than any other which has yet been grown and tested.

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First. A very strong, vigorous, hardy vine, with thick, healthy, mildew-resisting foliage, and perfect, self-fertilizing blossoms; always setting its fruit well, and bearing abundantly.

Second. Clusters very large, usually shouldered, compact and handsome, without being unduly crowded.

Third. Berries large, nearly round, often an inch or more in diameter; black with light purple bloom; skin thin but very tenacious, bearing handling and shipping admirably. Flavor rich, sweet, slightly vinous; pure with no foxiness, coarseness or unpleasant acidity from the skin to the center. Flesh rather firm but tender and of equal consistency, parting easily from its few and small seeds.

Fourth. Its season is very early; often showing color late in July, and ripening, according to the season, from the fifteenth to the last of August, at Delaware, Ohio.

Fifth. It has very remarkable keeping qualities. Has hung upon the vines in the vineyard the Fall of 1897, sound and perfect, for six weeks or more after ripening, with no tendency to shell off or fall from the stem. A few crates were put in a cool cellar Oct. 5th and Dec. 20th were apparently as perfect as when stored and looking as though they may keep in equally good condition until next April. As a good keeper and shipper it is believed to be unequaled by any other American grape.

Testimonials might be added from entirely disinterested sources of very high character, out of more than six hundred received during the Fall of 1897, from thirty-nine states and the Canadas.

AWARDS.

Wilder Medal, American Pomological Society 1897; Medal of Excellence, American Institute 1897, and First Premium at many Agricultural and Horticultural Societies.

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RITSON PEAR.

This is another valuable specialty sold only by ourselves.

Fruit medium; skin greenish yellow, heavily sprinkled with russet; flesh white, exceedingly juicy, rich, buttery, melting; very fine grained; for canning or desert it has no equal; a good grower; abundant cropper and hardy as a Burr Oak. This valuable pear is a seedling, planted by the late John Ritson, of Oshawa, Ont., one of the first settlers of that town, and during his lifetime an able farmer and a lover of horticulture of advanced ideas. The original tree is over 70 years of age from the seed and still bears large crops of fine fruit, while other varieties have succumbed to blight and other diseases. In the same field it has never been in any way affected by either disease or weather, but has for over fifty years regularly borne large crops of fruit. We believe it to be the most valuable seedling yet introduced.

From our own personal recollection, we know that for the past thirty years it has borne a fair crop of fruit each year, and has in that time never missed bearing a fair lot of pears. This is a record that no other variety would show. Most varieties have off years, and then again, all varieties during bad seasons have failed to fruit.

A sucker from the old tree, planted twenty-five years ago in the garden of Mr. R. Wellington, of Oshawa, began bearing in five or six years after planting, and has never yet missed a year but what it has had some pears on. The tree now is twenty-five years of age, measures fifty inches in circumference, and is about thirty feet high; for the past six or seven years it has averaged between ten and twelve bushels of excellent pears. Its great value is its persistent cropping qualities, excellent quality of fruit, and extreme hardiness. It has never been affected with blight. Here are two trees that we know from personal knowledge have stood for a number of years, as above described, bearing annually, even in the most inclement seasons, and have never been affected in any way with disease, or have the trees been in the slightest affected with extreme cold winters. Other varieties in the same field have blighted, have missed cropping and have been frozen.

TESTIMONIALS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ON THE RITSON PEAR

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.— BARRIE, Oct. 26th, 1885.

GENTLEMEN,—I received your favor of the 17th, and also the new seedling pear, named Ritson. After having examined it thoroughly I am prepared to state its quality equals, if not surpasses, any seedling pear I have ever seen or tasted; medium in size, quality very good; in flavor rich, sweet and juicy. I should recommend it worthy of dissemination and equal to, if not superior, to many varieties now grown. Yours truly,

CHARLES HICKLING.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto KINGSTON, Oct. 31st 1885

GENTLEMEN,—Your favor of the 17th inst. came to hand in due time, calling attention to a pear propagated by your firm, and which you think will be a valuable acquisition to those growing pears in the colder sections of our Province. The specimen sent me came in good condition, and I had the pleasure of calling the attention of several friends interested in fruit culture to its merits; all were satisfied after tasting its quality, and its reported hardiness and freedom from blight, that it will be valuable to those desirous of growing that delicious fruit. With the kindest wishes for your success with this new pear, I remain, Yours,

R. J. DUNLOP.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto. RENFREW, October 31st, 1885.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a sample specimen of your Ritson pear. It came to hand in good form and proved on eating to be a very good specimen indeed. It is not overly large, in fact the one I received was rather on the small size, but in flavor it certainly was very good, and I hope it may turn out as you anticipate, a hardy vigorous tree. If so, it will prove an acquisition. Yours, &c.,

A. A. WRIGHT.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto. AULTSVILLE, 23rd Oct. 1885.

GENTLEMEN,—I am in receipt of your favor of the 17th inst. (only on the 20th), have also received the sample pear. Such a pear, should it retain the character you give it for hardiness, productiveness and freedom from disease, should find its way into every orchard in our section. The Flemish Beauty, almost the only pear that has done any good here, was this year spotted and cracked to such on extent as to be worthless. Yours truly,

JOHN CROIL.

In the *Oshawa Vindicator* of October 30th, '89, we find the following notice of the Ritson Pear: " Mr. R. Wellington left a number of pears of the Ritson variety at this office last week, and for genuine flavor and juiciness they surpass anything in the pear line eaten by us this season. The pear has a history. The original tree, grown from seed, is yet living on the farm of Mr. William Ritson, east of the town. Mr. Wellington secured a slip off the tree twenty-five years ago, and grafted it on a small tree at his residence. This year nineteen bushels of pears were gathered off it, which is a tremendous yield. The Fonthill Nurseries have adopted this pear as one of the very best for fall use, and for canning, and thousands have been sold throughout all parts of the Dominion, and it is continually growing in public favor. No farmer can invest $75.00 better than by putting out a hundred of these trees. They would give him a better return than any fifty acres he could cultivate in grain."

P.S.—SALESMEN WANTED. To good, reliable and successful salesmen, we can give good pay and permanent employment.

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Dempsey and Ritson Pears

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We are pleased to be able to advise our patrons that we have purchased the entire interest in this valuable new addition to the list of pears. We have watched this pear for some time and became so thoroughly convinced of its extreme value for this country, not only on account of its hardiness, but the fine quality of the fruit, that we purchased from Mr. Dempsey, at a large sum, the entire interest in the tree.

Our patrons will please notice that the genuine tree can only be obtained of us.

Mr. Dempsey is so well known as a reliable horticulturist, that any further testimony than his own would be superfluous, and the fact that he strongly endorses this pear, is in itself a guarantee of its great value.

THE DEMPSEY PEAR

DESCRIPTION—The Dempsey was produced from a seed of the Bartlett fertilized with Duchess d'Angouleme. Tree an upright good grower; foliage large, glossy dark green, resembling both parents. Fruit large obtuse pyriform, irregular in outline. Skin smooth, green, changing to yellow as it ripens with a slight brown tinge where exposed to the sun. Stem about an inch long, stout and set lightly to one side. Calyx shallow. Flesh white, fine grained, tender, buttery, almost melting, with a rich, sweet, delicious flavor. As a dessert or market Pear it is of the highest merit. It will stand transportation to the most distant markets. Season, October and November.

The Farmers Advocate says of the Dempsey:

"This new pear, which promises to be a valuable addition to fall and early winter pears, was originated by the late Mr. Dempsey, who was so well known as a reliable horticulturist. It was produced from the seeds of a Bartlett, which had been fertilized with the Duchesse d'Angouleme. The tree is an upright grower, with large, glossy, dark green foliage, resembling in these respects both parents. We have tested a sample of this fruit, and find that it is all that is claimed to be, as the pear is large, smooth, green in color, changing to yellow as it ripens, and with a rich, delicious flavor. It will make a good dessert pear, and has the highest merit as a market fruit, for it will stand shipment to distant markets. The proprietors of the Fonthill Nurseries, Messrs. Stone & Wellington, having watched this pear for some time, became so thoroughly convinced of its great value to the country, both for its hardiness and fine quality, that they purchased for a large sum the entire interest in the tree, and will be prepared to fill orders."

BLOOMFIELD, FEB. 14th, 1894.

GENTLEMEN:—

I was visiting my esteemed friend, P. C. Dempsey three years ago. On leaving his home he presented me with a cutting of his new seedling pear, and wished me to test it for him and give him my opinion of it. I grafted four limbs on a Flemish Beauty tree, every graft grew and made a good growth; has short space between buds, heavy and stocky growth, maturing its wood early. The following spring they surprised me to see blossoms come out good and healthy on the one year old wood, and brought seven large pears to perfection as well as making a good growth again. The following spring I was amazed to see grafts of only two years growing, that were one mass of flowers and had to be supported to save the grafts from being entirely destroyed with the heavy weight of fruit, one string that fastened one of the grafts broke, then the graft broke by the weight of fruit and fell to the ground. When the pears were ripe for gathering I got over one peck of beautiful pears, not one scabby or one sided; all clean and smooth, resembling a large specimen of the Bell Lucrative, the stem is set a little to one side, skin dark green with a brown blush on the sunny side, flesh white, tender, fine grain, beautiful for cooking and canning. I think it fully finer than the Bartlett as it has not that strong musky taste, which as a late pear makes it very desirable. As a shipping pear it is also desirable coming in a season when our markets are almost bare, and nothing of as high a merit to compete with it. Season, latter part October and November. After having fruited 80 distinct varieties of pears I do not know of one its equal in all points of consideration. I would say here. Last October I cut every cion from my grafts to use on other trees in the coming spring. I can, therefore, highly recommend the planting of this tree, believing in the hardiness of it for our climate to bring its fruit-buds through our long and tedious winters uninjured, consequently it must pay the planter.

I remain, yours truly,
J. P. WILLIAMS, Bloomfield, Ont.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 18th, 1893.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Can.

GENTLEMEN:—We received sample of Dempsey Pear and found it an excellent variety. It is juicy, of superior flavor and of fine grain.

THE NATIONAL NURSERYMAN PUB. CO.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 17th, 1892.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIR:—To-day we cut one of the pears you sent us some days since. The other seems as though it would keep a week longer. It was very fine in appearance and quality. If we were to write you all day about this pear we could not come nearer to our idea than to call it a Bartlett out of season. Of course the appearance is very different, but fully as large as the largest; and if we had eaten it in the dark and not known that it was distinct, we should have said we were eating a good well-ripened specimen of that well-known sort.

Yours truly,
T. B. JENKINS, of Stecher Lith. Co.

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For some time past the Toronto *Globe* has, in their Saturday issues, been writing up the different towns of Canada, until now it has become a prominent feature of this edition. During the month of July the town of Welland and Fonthill Nurseries came under the observation of the *Globe's* correspondent, and this circular is a reproduction of the article that appeared in their publication of July 23rd. We trust it may be the means of securing further patronage from those who have kindly favored us in the past, as we are now in a position to supply our customers in a manner never before equalled, and with stock superior to anything previously sent out.

Are you a farmer? A fruit grower? Or a lover of fruit? Then in either case you are interested in this article, and the writer sincerely hopes that it may be made sufficiently interesting to every reader of the *Globe* to induce a careful perusal. The importance of successful fruit-growing cannot be over-estimated, not only for its pecuniary advantages, but as inspiration to the highest possible attainment in the farmer and gardener's life. While the illustrations on this page are obtained from views taken in the celebrated Fonthill nurseries controlled by Messrs. Morris, Stone & Wellington, yet a few suggestions will be made that may possibly prove of use to some, and ought to be made interesting to all. Before, therefore, referring to the nurseries in question, some of the mistakes that frequently discourage the fruit grower are referred to.

The first to be named is that trees are planted in soil completely unprepared to receive them. As a matter of fact a higher degree of cultivation and previous preparation is needed for fruit culture than any other crop.

The farmer too often plants his trees with as little regard to their needs as though he were setting posts for the erection of a fence. A hole insufficiently large is dug, and into this the untrimmed roots are thrust (often doubling them up to do it), the top is left unpruned as it came from the nursery and the result is left to chance.

In the next place the greedy grain grower continues to crop the same ground with grain or meadow, even after the trees have come into bearing, thus committing the fatal error of expecting the half-prepared soil to yield a double return.

A third mistake, and which perhaps should have been mentioned first, is the disposition to buy the cheapest plants or trees, regardless of quality. No greater mistake can be made than this, for a wrong start in planting an unhealthy tree cannot be remedied. When the seeds of decay are once implanted in a young tree their removal is as impossible as the effort to cure consumption in the human body, and therefore a man had better throw his money away at the very outstart than invest in unreliable nursery stock, for disappointment and a greater loss are sure to accrue in the long run.

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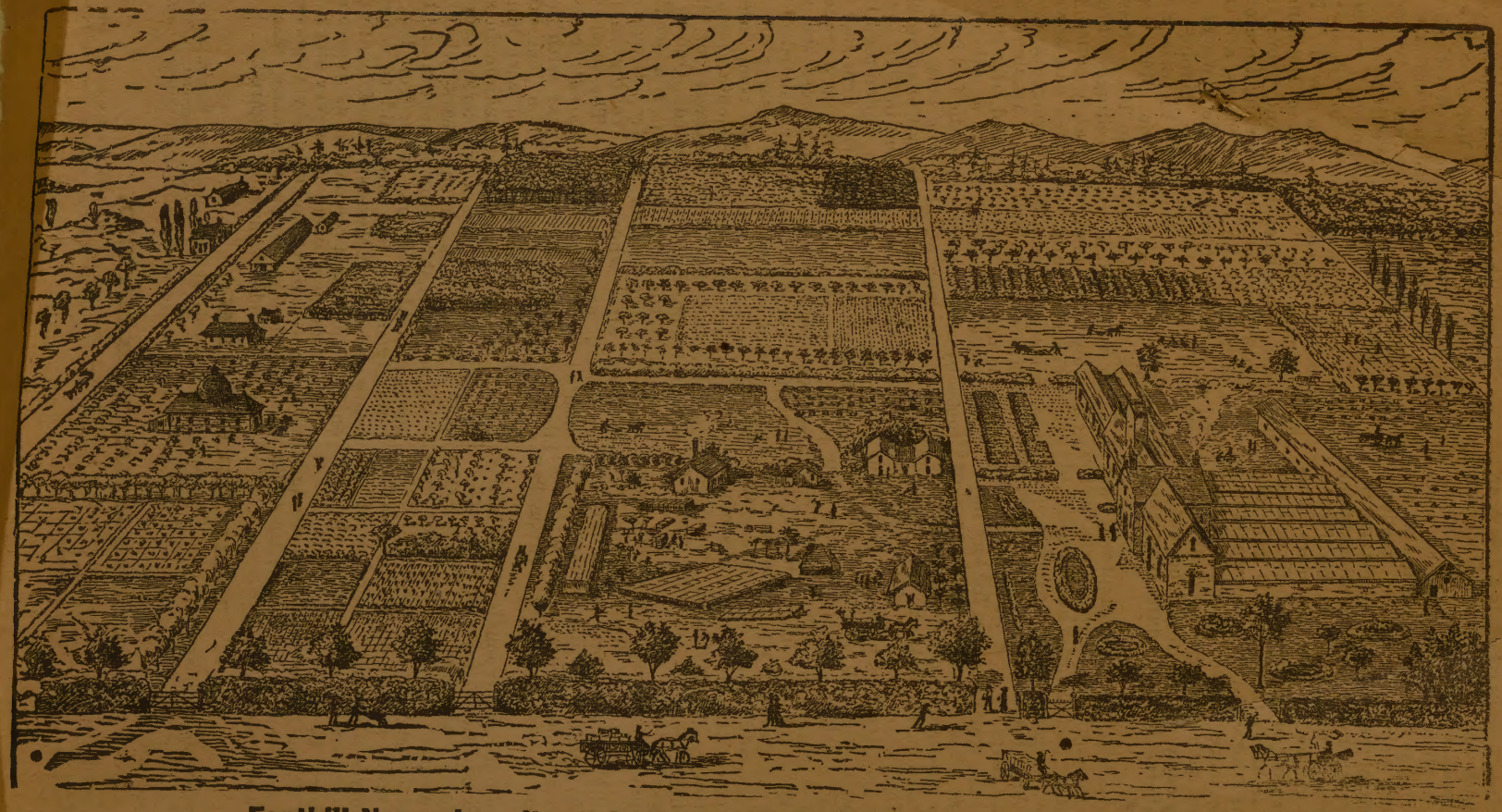

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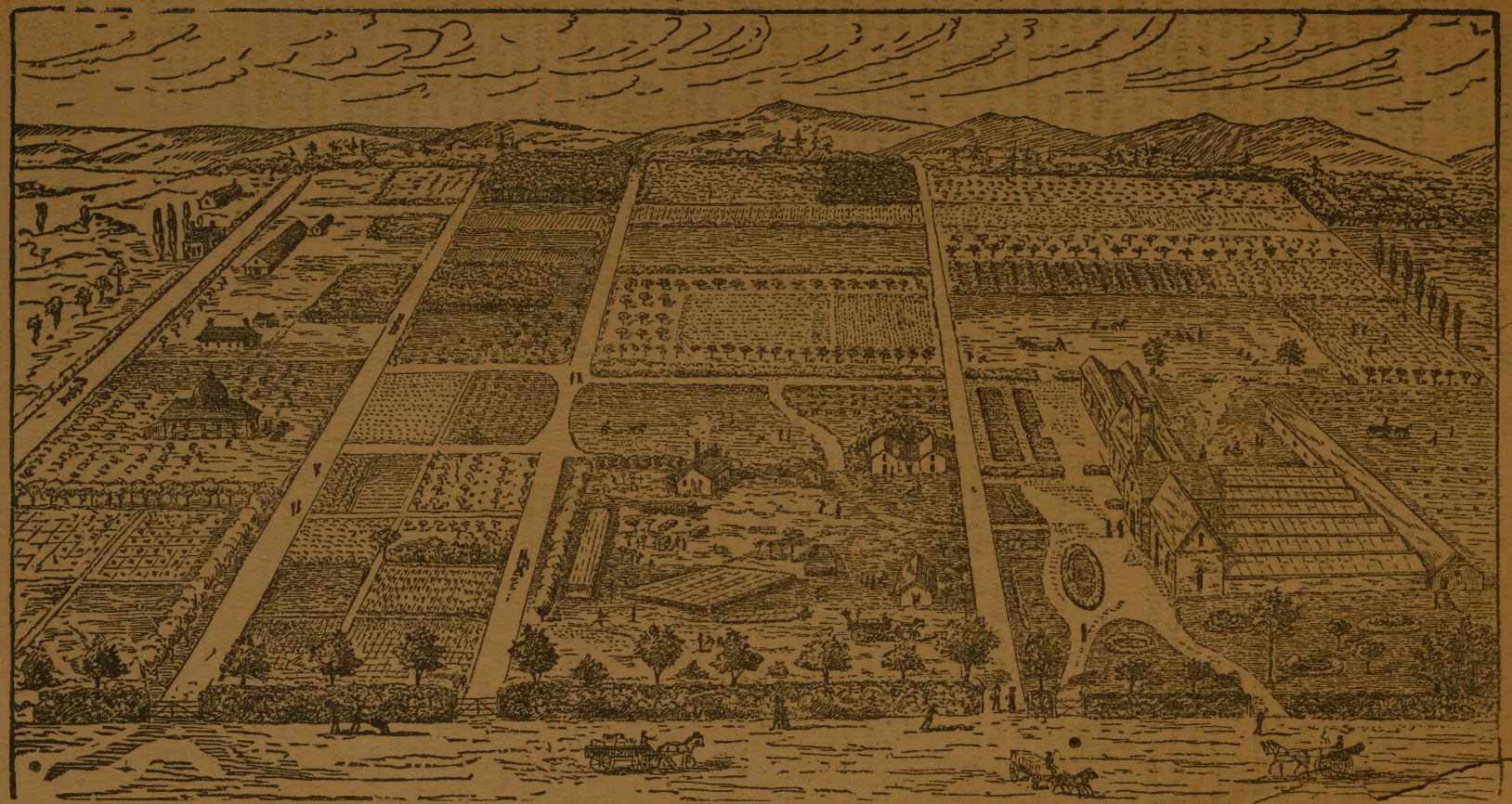

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Out of 130 plants, put in four feet apart, there was not a failure, and the average growth for the first season was five to six feet. In the fall of 1893, before the first heavy frost, a deep coating of coarse stable manure was placed about the plants, and the following spring the straw was raked away and the loose manure spaded in, with the result shown in our picture.

AVOID CHEAP PLANTS.

As showing the great difference in results we may cite the case of St. James Cathedral. Three years previous to our planting at the Metropolitan we were asked by one of the church wardens of St. James for figures at which we would supply plants and take charge of planting sufficient plants to cover St. James Cathedral, and our tender was accepted. Shortly before planting time it was intimated to us that a much lower offer had been made for the job by a local concern, and we were asked if we would give up the contract. We readily did so, but stated we feared inferior pot plants would be supplied, whereas our plants were strong two year plants, outdoor grown. The result unfortunately for the church was as we predicted. The planting has been an utter failure, and there is only to be seen as the result of five years growth a few plants that have made about as much growth in that time as our plants have made in one season. In fact, were it not that plants were purchased from us and planted the past spring (1894) there would be little chance of the building ever being covered. We mention this fact with no animus, as the church wardens acted as they thought in the best interests of the church in getting the job done as low as possible. The moral is to avoid cheap stock. Buy hardy, two year outdoor plants and they will prove cheapest in the end. Carefully prepare and under soil for good results cannot be obtained by planting in inferior soil, or by using inferior cheap plants. The best plants are cheapest in the end.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto, Ont.

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OUR NEW SPECIALTIES

SAUNDERS PLUM AND RITSON PEAR.

THE SAUNDERS PLUM.

This specialty we consider the most valuable of anything we have been fortunate enough to secure in a number of years. Its extreme hardiness, freedom from Black Knot, immense cropping qualities, and its earliness and fine qualities give it so many points, in fact, all of the points of value, that is almost beyond price.

The plum originated near Belleville, a region which is really outside of a plum section; that is, where plums succeed without trouble. Other varieties have all failed in the same field; black knot has destroyed them, while this plum has never shown any signs of the disease in any way, although there are about 40 trees in the orchard.

It is perfectly hardy, does not seem to be affected by the winters, and bears annual crops when no other plums in the section will fruit; in fact it is the most wonderful and valuable tree that has ever been originated in Canada or, we believe, in any other section. It is just what we want, and we only regret that we have not got ten times the stock we have.

The fruit is above medium in size, longish oval, with a distinct suture stem one-half inch long, color bright yellow, with a slight blush where exposed to the sun. Flesh melting, sweet and good, and pitts freely loosen from the stone. Flesh yellow in color. It is one of the first to ripen, being several days earlier than Green Gage. Tree a good spreading grower. It forms a very pretty round head, foliage a bright green color and holds on till end of the season—a very valuable point.

We append a couple of testimonials given by parties who have watched the plum for years:

ALBURY, 26th March, 1888.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON.—

Your letter at hand. With respect to the Saunders plum, it still sustains its former reputation. I have seen it growing alongside of Lombard, Bradshaw, and several other varieties, and while the others were literally covered with black knot, it (the Saunders) was perfectly free from that wonderful plague. I would not care to say it was proof against black knot, but I have never seen one branch affected with it, while all other varieties growing alongside of it were destroyed or covered. It has produced a heavy crop each year since I have known it—about seven years.

The fruit is all we could desire; maturing as it does eight or ten days before any other variety, makes it the best market plum we have. It produces immense crops, and I have never known the fruit to bring less than $4.00 per bushel on our markets.

Yours very truly,

P. C. DEMPSEY,
Ex-President Ontario Fruit Growers' Association.

WALLBRIDGE, April, 1888.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON,

Yours at hand. With respect to the Saunders plum, I have it growing, but not fruited it yet. Have seen the fruit on the market, which was grown on the original tree. In my opinion it is the earliest variety I have ever seen, also very attractive in the basket, being full medium size, and a bright yellow color. The tree is not a rapid grower, but hardy, and I have never seen the slightest appearance of black knot on any of the branches.

Yours truly,

JOHN GRAHAM.

P.S.—I might say, further, when I received a few scions from the man with whom the tree originated, he told me he could not half supply the demand on the market, as his customers made a regular raid on him for the plum, and I might just use his own words in his enthusiasm, "Ah John," he said, "it is a grand plum." So that from what I have seen of the plum, and from the honesty of the man who said it, I can fully endorse his words, that it is a grand plum.

J. G.

ST. CATHARINES, Sept. 21st, 1885.

STONE & WELLINGTON.—

DEAR SIRS,—I received the plum called the Saunders, sent me last month, and found the quality good, and from its earliness and the hardiness of the tree, which you claim for it, I think it will be a great acquisition.

Yours truly,

A. M. SMITH, Fruit Grower.

PALMYRA, N. Y., 8-29-'85.

STONE & WELLINGTON.—

GENTS,—The plums received, and are exceedingly fine and delicious; in fact as good as any we ever tasted, and if a good bearer, hardy, and as you claim, free from black knot, it is certainly an important acquisition.

Yours, &c.,

A. M. PURDY, Fruit Grower.

For Sale only by Stone & Wellington.

RITSON PEAR.

This is another valuable specialty sold only by ourselves.

Fruit medium; skin greenish yellow, heavily sprinkled with russet; flesh white, exceedingly juicy, rich, buttery, melting; very fine grained; for canning or dessert it has no equal; a good grower; abundant cropper and hardy as a Burr Oak. This valuable pear is a seedling, planted by the late John Ritson, of Oshawa, Ont., one of the first settlers of that town, and during his lifetime an able farmer and a lover of horticulture of advanced ideas. The original tree is over 70 years of age from the seed and still bears large crops of fine fruit, while other varieties have succumbed to blight and other diseases. In the same field it has never been in anyway affected by either disease or weather, but has for over fifty years regularly borne large crops of fruit. We believe it to be the most valuable seedling yet introduced.

From our own personal recollection, we know that for the past thirty years it has borne a fair crop of fruit each year, and has in that time never missed bearing a fair lot of pears. This is a record that no other variety would show. Most varieties have off years, and then again, all varieties during bad seasons have failed to fruit.

A sucker from the old tree, planted twenty-five years ago in the garden of Mr. R. Wellington, of Oshawa, began bearing in five or six years after planting, and has never yet missed a year but what it has had some pears on. The tree now is twenty-five years of age, measures fifty inches in circumference, and is about thirty feet high; for the past six or seven years it has averaged between ten and twelve bushels of excellent pears. Its great value is its persistent cropping qualities, excellent quality of fruit, and extreme hardiness. It has never been affected with blight. Here are two trees that we know from personal knowledge have stood for a number of years, as above described, bearing annually, even in the most inclement seasons, and have never been affected in any way with disease, or have the trees been in the slightest affected with extreme cold winters. Other varieties in the same field, have blighted, have missed cropping and have been frozen.

BARRIE, Oct. 26th, 1885.

STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.—

GENTLEMEN,—I received your favor of the 17th, and also the new seedling pear, named Ritson. After having examined it thoroughly I am prepared to state its quality equals, if not surpasses, any seedling pear I have ever seen or tasted; medium in size, quality very good; in flavor rich, sweet and juicy. I should recommend it worthy of dissemination and equal to, if not superior, to many varieties now grown. Yours truly,

CHARLES HICKLING.

KINGSTON, Oct. 31st, 1885.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—Your favor of the 17th inst. came to hand in due time, calling attention to a pear propagated by your firm, and which you think will be a valuable acquisition to those growing pears in the colder sections of our Province. The specimen sent me came in good condition, and I had the pleasure of calling the attention of several friends interested in fruit culture to its merits; all were satisfied after tasting its quality, and its reported hardiness and freedom from blight, that it will be valuable to those desirous of growing that delicious fruit. With the kindest wishes for your success with this new pear, I remain, Yours,

R. J. DUNLOP.

RENFREW, October 31st, 1885.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a sample specimen of your Ritson pear. It came to hand in good form and proved on eating to be a very good specimen indeed. It is not overly large, in fact the one I received was rather on the small size, but in flavor it certainly was very good, and I hope it may turn out as you anticipate, a hardy vigorous tree. If so, it will prove an acquisition. Yours, &c.,

A. A. WRIGHT.

AULTSVILLE, 23rd Oct., 1885.

MESSRS. STONE & WELLINGTON, Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—I am in receipt of your favor of the 17th inst. (only on the 20th), have also received the sample pear. Such a pear, should it retain the character you give it for hardiness, productiveness and freedom from disease, should find its way into every orchard in our section. The Flemish Beauty, almost the only pear that has done any good here, was this year spotted and cracked to such an extent as to be worthless. Yours truly,

JOHN CROIL.

In the *Oshawa Vindicator* of October 30th, '89, we find the following notice of the Ritson Pear: "Mr. R. Wellington left a number of pears of the Ritson variety at this office last week, and for genuine flavor and juiciness they surpass anything in the pear line eaten by us this season. The pear has a history. The original tree, grown from seed, is yet living on the farm of Mr. William Ritson, east of the town. Mr Wellington secured a slip off the tree twenty-five years ago, and grafted it on a small tree at his residence. This year nineteen bushels of pears were gathered off it, which is a tremendous yield The Fonthill Nurseries have adopted this pear as one of the very best for fall use, and for canning, and thousands have been sold throughout all parts of the Dominion, and it is continually growing in public favor. No farmer can invest $75.00 better than by putting out a hundred of these trees. They would give him a better return than any fifty acres he could cultivate in grain."

P.S.--SALESMEN WANTED. To good, reliable, and successful salesmen, we can give good pay and permanent employment.

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ATHBUN BLACKBERRY. A Giant Among its Kind.

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The RATHBUN Blackberry.

This wonderful new Blackberry has established a high reputation in this locality, and we want our customers to know something about it. The plant is a strong, erect grower, and produces but few suckers. It sends up a strong main stem which branches freely, and these curve over toward the ground, and thus propagate themselves in the manner of the black-cap raspberry. It is not a dewberry, nor is there the least evidence that there is an admixture of dewberry in the plant. It is purely a blackberry with the tip-rooting habit. As to its hardiness it may be said that it is quite hardy at its home, where it has sustained a temperature of fifteen or eighteen degrees below zero without harm.

Roots at Tips Like the Black-Cap.

Fruit of Highest Quality.

Largest Size, Handsome.

Very Productive.

Commands Highest Price in Market.

RATHBUN BLACKBE

The fruit in size and general appearance is well illustrated in the accompanying engraving. It grows on long stems in clusters which enables it to be easily gathered. The berries are large with large pips and small seeds. They have no hard core, in fact no core is perceived in eating them—all is soft, sweet, luscious, with a high flavor. It is superior in quality to the well-known varieties of blackberry in cultivation. On this point it may be said there is nothing more to be desired. The fruit is of a glossy jet black color, and sufficiently firm to handle and carry well. A large proportion of the berries will measure from an inch and a quarter to one inch and a half in length, and the whole crop is very uniform in size. Everyone who has had the opportunity of tasting the fruit admits without reserve that it is the best blackberry ever eaten, and is more like the best dewberry than the blackberry, and yet much better than the dewberry. The hardiness of the plant was severely tested in the winters of 1895-96, when the thermometer for several days indicated a temperature of 20° below zero. Plants of the Minnewaski and Erie blackberries on the same grounds were badly frozen, making it impossible for them to produce a crop of fruit. But a considerable amount of live wood remained on the Rathbun bushes, enough to give two-thirds of a crop.

Two common, quart strawberry boxes, one each of the Snyder and Rathbun varieties were picked in August, 1896, and placed in the hands of a wholly disinterested party, with a request to count and report the exact number of berries in each basket. When he had done so was found that the basket of Snyder contained 164 berries, while that of the Rathbun was filled with forty-five berries. We want all our customers to have this new berry.

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THIS variety is the most beautiful and hardy of all climbing Honeysuckles. A perfectly hardy plant, vigorous grower, and the delicious fragrance of the flowers is unequaled. The flowers are pure white, changing to yellow. It flowers from July to December.

There is no more charming plant to train over the porch or veranda of a dwelling house, so that the fragrance of its flowers may be enjoyed constantly.

This is a plant especially adapted to severe climates, and we recommend it to all our northern patrons.

THE GARDEN AND FOREST (Philadelphia, Pa.) says: "It should be grown more in gardens in this country."

THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST, of June, 1889 (Grimsby and Toronto, Ont.) says: "No variety of all the Honeysuckles can be more recommended for general cultivation than **Hall's Japan,**" and that it is the most suitable for the adornment of home grounds in Ontario.

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